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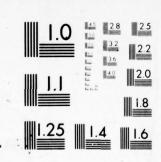
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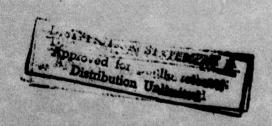


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# Summary

From the very moment of its construction, an embankment (or a sea wall) is incessantly exposed to the pressure of external forces, such as the action of waves, traffic loads that travel over its crown, etc., and to the weathering forces of nature, such as the sinking of foundations, ground compaction, etc. The resulting impact of the above is the appearance of changes to the embankment (or sea wall), changes such as surface cracks, soil erosion, etc., that are positive indicators of the wasting away of these structures. In the course of this study, we undertook an experiment to determine the feasibility of using the wasting index which shows the degrees of wasting or the extent of breakdowns of embankments or sea walls as a check list of these deteriorations. In the report that follows, there is a section devoted to a discussion on the relationships between the various wasting indicators that appear on the surface of embankments and sea walls, and a section that discusses our countermeasure proposals on combatting embankment and sea wall breakdowns. Several of our proposals on how to design and construct embankments and sea walls are also covered in this report.

### I. Preface

The total length of our country coastline (excluding Okinawa coastline of about 1,200 km) is about 27,900 km. It has been estimated that of this coastline, approximately 13,800 kilometers can be regarded as "the designated coastline requiring shore-protective structures" to cope with the tidal waves, strong windstorms, high lashing tides, etc., of seasonal typhoons and severe winter weather. So far, however, the construction of these structures has been completed on only about 7,300 km of this coastline; they include about 2,500 km of embankments and about 4,400 km of sea walls. The general coastal construction policy that was followed in the past called for the construction of breakwaters, off-shore dikes, etc., as additional anti-erosion measures after the completion of embankments or sea walls. Needless to say, embankments and sea walls are the main shore-protective structures of our coastline.

It would be difficult to predict the type of shore-protective structure that will be chosen in the future for the aforementioned "designated coastline," but whatever the choice, the undertaking is sure to be an expensive one. Even the choice of an embankment will come to about 1,300 billion yen since the construction cost per

meter of embankment is about 200,000 yen. Required future investments in this field, moreover, are not confined to new construction alone; there will be the need to repair existing embankments and sea walls. The required outlay for this repair work, based on the same unit cost mentioned above (i.e., 200,000 yen per meter), will be about 1,460 billion yen. It can be assumed too that future developments, such as the demand for the conversion of a coastline into a recreation zone, the gradual encroachment toward the shore by urban communities now located to the rear of the beach, etc., will give rise to the need to construct additional protective facilities, such as off-shore levees, man-made beaches, etc. This will mean, of course, more required financial outlays in this field.

It can be said that the need for a sizeable budgetary allocation to construct coastal structures to meet the public demands for more and better services /better usage of coastal areas? and the shift in government objectives /not further explained is destined to come about in the not too distant future. This development is sure to be accompanied by a strong demand for a sound, suitable, and timely construction program. To meet this demand, there will develop the need too to review and resolve many pending problems, problems such as the scale of the structures to be built to protect the rear property, the durability of the structures to be built, the maintenance and control of structures, the standardization of structural designs, etc.

Of the many problems mentioned above, the problem of maintenance and control of structures can be regarded as one of the most important ones. Needless to say, rigid maintenance and control not only mean protection of embankment and sea wall capabilities but of their service life as well. Regretfully, however, such has not been the case so far. This shortcoming, one can conjecture, could be contributing to the excessive damages and wear and tear of the existing facilities. Some of the major causes for this lack of proper maintenance and control are: (1) the setting in of a lax attitude toward maintenance and control due largely to inadequate appreciation of the import of this vigilance which means preservation of the structure's capabilities -- that is to say, inadequate recognition of the importance of maintenance and control; (2) the lack of sufficient funds and personnel to permit effective maintenance and control of coastal structures; (3) the absence of clear-cut maintenance and control standards (this absence has hampered the drafting of required budget estimates for this field); and (4) the failure in many instances to draft and incorporate the proper structural maintenance and control procedure to be followed in the designing and

and construction plan that had been drafted for a structure.

The establishment of an effective maintenance and control system of structures requires close coordination of the decisions made by the government on budget allocation and personnel allotment and the technical requirements imposed by the technical standards that had been followed in the designing and construction of structures and in the drafting of the maintenance and control system. With this in mind, we undertook the survey of our coastal embankments and sea walls over a two-year period (1970 and 1971). One of the objectives of this survey was to establish a technical standard for the maintenance and control of coastal embankments and sea walls; another was to carefully observe and index the visible changes and signs, such as cracks, soil erosion, etc., that had taken place to the embankments and sea walls since their construction to estimate the extent of their breakdowns (estimate to determine the required repair or reenforcement work).

The changes and signs noted on the surface of embankments and sea walls generated a number of questions in our minds -- questions such as, "Would it be possible to estimate the structural wasting from these changes and signs?" "What is the real significance of these changes and signs?" "What impact do these changes and signs have on the dynamics of soil composition? on structural dynamics? on hydrography?" "Are these changes and signs really connected to the wasting of structures?" These are interesting questions that merit careful investigation, but in this study undertaken, the focus was placed on the examination of the breakdowns to define the wasting of embankments and sea walls and then on the drafting of a wasting index based on the on-the-spot observation of the visible changes (and signs) that had developed on the surface of embankments and sea walls after their construction.

The wasting index that was developed from the approach mentioned above was subsequently tested as a reference aid in determining the breakdowns of structures. It is believed that the various wasting indices to be developed in the future will be closely coordinated with one another; a section devoted to a discussion on the interrelationship of these indices, however, has been incorporated in this report.

### II. Wasting of Coastal Embankments

We would like to first define the expression, "wasting of coastal embankments (kaigan teibo no rekka)," so that its usage in the discussions to follow will be clearly understood.

First of all, an explanation is in order as to why this infrequently used expression was employed in this report. The sentence, "Coastal embankments and sea walls have grown old and useless (kaigan teibo aruiwa gogan ga rokyuka shita)...", is\_a common remark that one hears frequently. As defined in Kojien presumably a name or title of a common term dictionary, the word, "rokyu," used in the above sentence means "to age and crumble into decay or to become old and useless" and the addition of the suffix "ka" to this compound characters to read "rokyuka" will make it mean "to become useless with the passage of months and years." We conducted a number of on-the-spot investigations of the various structures to determine the propriety of the remark, "Growing uselessness of the coastal embankments and sea walls with the passage of months and years (kaigan teibo-gogan no rokyuka), and learned that the inference, "...with the passage of months and years, " does not necessarily apply in every case. That is to say, there are embankments and sea walls that show little or no change or deterioration even after months and years of existence and there are those that begin to show radical changes and deteriorations soon after their construction, proving that in most instances, the passage of time has little to do with the intensity and frequency of actions of the external forces and the environmental conditions which are the primary causes of structural deteriorations. The implication, "to become useless," in the above definition is another matter that deserves careful analysis. The question that can be asked is: "How and for what?" Needless to say, the uselessness of an embankment or a sea wall can come about (1) from structural changes and deteriorations that destroy its effectiveness as a protective structure, or (2) from the growth and expansion toward the beach by an urban community to the rear, leading to a situation where the original designed capacity of a structure becomes grossly inadequate to provide the required protection of the changing scene. It should be noted too that the use of the term, "rokyuka," could lead to legal hassle with an insurance firm in a litigation to collect disaster damages. claim for disaster damages that occur to structures that had weathered the pressure of external forces for months and years would not be contested, but it can be expected that the loophole of charging negligence in the maintenance and control of structures that the term, "rokyuka," can provide will be fully exploited by the insurance firm for any claim made on disaster damages sustained by structures that begin to show wear and tear soon after their construction.

To be sure, this report could have been written employing "rokyuka" with its wide interpretation as the key term, but this

approach was abandoned to avoid the misinterpretations discussed above. The decision was made to define and use the term, "rekka" TN: literal meaning of this term is "to become inferior/worse"; rendered as "wasting" or "wasted" in this translation per choice made by the authors of this article in their English synopsis attached to the document in this report.

First of all, it should be noted that even this term is not foolproof. It has been employed for cases where the wasting developed from poor maintenance and control of structures and for cases where the wasting was the result of damages sustained from unusually high wave actions that were not contemplated when the designing work was undertaken.

Provided below is a discussion on the so-called wasting of/wasted embankments and sea walls.

For those embankments and sea walls that had been constructd with the required capabilities and structural facilities in accordance with the technical standards of the period to meet the public demands of the time, the wasting can be grouped, it is believed, into two major categories as described below.

- A. Cases where the structural capabilities are no longer able to meet the changing demands of the surrounding areas; for examples, structures that cannot provide the required protection for a rear area that had expanded rapidly and grown in size; structures that have been found to be improperly constructed through research and investigation conducted via advanced technique; obsolete structures requiring reconstruction and renovation to provide the required protection for new buildings and facilities that have been built or are being built in the adjacent areas, etc.
- B. Cases where the structures had become unstable and had lost their capabilities to provide the required protection or where there exist some doubt on the performance capabilities of structures and their capabilities to provide the required protection; for examples, structures that developed excessive sinking; structures that begin to show wide surface abrasion; structures that develop surface cracks, surface and crown exposures, etc; structures showing soil erosion, etc.

In essence, A above refers to cases where the embankments and sea walls had "wasted=become obsolete/out-of-date" their capabilities to safeguard the rear area, and B above, to cases where the physical features of embankments had become "wasted (=deteriorated)".

The so-called wasting [deterioration] of embankments and sea walls can be categorized into the following two breakdowns:

- 1. The loss of original capabilities due to the changes that occurred to the surrounding areas or to the structure itself. Indicators of this wasting are: excessive sinking of the whole foundation, increase in the amounts of high attacking and overtopping waves, emergence of newly constructed buildings in the adjacent areas, coastal erosion and the resultant intensity of high attacking waves, etc.
- 2. The loss of dynamic stability due to structural changes, partial structural breakdown, and deterioration of materials to indicate that the whole structure is in the process of breaking down. Indicators of this wasting are; face spread abrasion, dispersion of beddings, crown crackings, ground splits, soil erosion, etc. (The development exposing the face spread reinforced concrete via water/wave action is another form of wasting under this category.)

The above categorization can be prepared for  $\underline{A}$  above; no attempt, however, was made for this report.

Generally speaking, the repair or conservation work that had been carried out for embankments and sea walls in the past has been prompted by a combination of the reasons described in A and B above. If the need for a repair or conservation work on embankments and sea walls as indicated by wasting could somehow be represented quantitatively, what great contribution this would be, not only in safeguarding our national property and the life, property, and security of the people living to the rear of the beaches, but in pointing out the way for our government to undertake the required repair and conservation work. In the case of  $\underline{\Lambda}$ , a quantitative indicator will be of little service since the basic problem is revolved around the issue of replenishing the wasted /inadequate/ protection capabilities, requiring government decisions on major matters such as investments, standards of the protection services to be provided, etc. In the case of B, however, the availability of the aforementioned indicator could be a big help, inasmuch as the basic problem is revolved around technical matters. That is to say, as long as the shore protective capabilities of embankments and sea walls are known (such as a certain degree of overtopping waves will occur for a certain meter high heavy sea wall. etc.), the problems under B could be resolved smoothly via technical approach. Moreover, with this indicator, it would be possible to set up a routine repair and renovation work of the strucures to nip the occurrence of major damages.

# III. Wasting of Coastal Embankments and Wasting Indicators

A study of the wasting of coastal embankments by focussing one's attention on the structures will show that in the final analysis, this wasting is no more than a breakdown process of structures. In any study to be undertaken in this field, however, it is well to remember that the designing and construction of these old embankments were based on certain set construction standards of the period and that at the time of their completion, they represented the best of their kind available for the period. The breakdown of embankment structures occurs in the form of structural changes, changes that are brought about by external causes, such as the action of waves, overtopping waves, excessive structural weight that sinks the foundation, heavy traffic loads that travel over the crown, etc., and by internal causes, such as the compaction of the core's earth and sand, etc. A careful study of the wasting of embankments and sea walls with the focus of attention centered on the aforementioned external causes, the main catalysts of structural breakdowns, is a prerequisite, it is believed, in coming up with a solution to arrest the wasting of structures during the initial breakdown process. The main discussions of this report, prompted by the above reason, were thus focussed (1) on the calamities that can occur to embankments and sea walls as well as their causes with citing of actual cases, such as the Ise Wan typhoon, and (2) on the breakdown process of structures and the main indicators of the structural wasting in this process. In addition to the above, this report will discuss, with due emphasis placed on the aforementioned indicators, the visible changes (signs) that have occurred on embankments and sea walls since their construction, changes (signs) that could be the wasting indicators of these structures. These changes (signs), it might be added, were employed as the "check-list" in the on-the-spot investigations that were undertaken to determine the present wasting conditions of embankments and sea walls.

A. Causes of Damages to Coastal Embankments and Sea walls

The embankment damages from the typhoon that hit Ise Wan were caused, it is believed, by the excessive high tides and wave uprush that washed away the top of embankments, undermined the foundations of sea walls, and tore down the face armors and wave deflectors (1)(2).

(1) Tsuruta; Aita: Structural Damages Caused by Ise Wan Typhoon and Their Peculiarities, Doboku Gakkai (Institute of Civil Engineering), Speeches at the 7th Coastal Engineering Symposium (1960)

(2) Yoshikawa: Countermeasures Against High Tides at Ise Wan, Doboku Gakkai (Institute of Civil Engineering), 7th Coastal Engineering Symposium (1960)

Based on observations made, the following were determined as the major causes for the extensive damages suffered:

- 1. Inadequate embankment height and inadequate width of the crown; inadequate barrier provided against overtopping waves and poor resistance to wave actions.
- 2. Failure to provide adequate armors for the crown and rear embankment spreads; overtopping waves and wave splashes washed away the earth and sand of embankment cores.
- 3. Too extremely protruded and indented embankment contours; protruding embankments subjected to excessive wave actions and overly indented embankments, to high wave actions to cause excessive overtopping of waves to weaken and destroy the embankment.
- 4. Improper watertightness of face spread armors; blistering after years of exposure led to seepage and in turn, to the removal of rear earth and sand and eventually to the cracking and destruction of the concrete to destroy the embankment.
- 5. Weakness of face spread armors: inadequate thickness of the face concrete armors permitted penetration of seeping water from wave actions into the armors to bring about the collapse of the whole embankment.
- 6. Poor compaction of embankment core's earth and sand; the settling of embankment core accompanied by gaps and hollow spots to permit water seepage from wave actions to gradually destroy the armors and then the embankment core itself.
- 7. The effect of connecting the concrete wave deflector to the top of the rock armor sea wall: weak connecting joints plus constant exposure to strong action of waves frequently led to the toppling of the deflector to invite greater disaster.
- 8. The effect of excessive thickness and weight of wave deflector as compared to the lower portion of the face spread; excessive weight of the wave deflector prevented coordinated resistance against overtopping waves, leading to cracks between the face spread armors and eventually to the destruction of the embankment.
- 9. Sluice gates, conduits, etc., that are the structural weak links of the coastal embankments.

Various measures have been instituted to correct the shortcomings discussued above. New technical methods developed from the lessons learned from the above experience are now being employed in the construction of new embankments.

Most of the damages suffered from high tides in the past were the result of <u>l</u> above. To cope with this situation, agencies such

as the Port and Harbor Bureau, Port and Harbor Technical Institute, etc., are now conducting discussions and meetings to come up with a formula(3) to compute the required height of an embankment crown and a method to correct the inadequate heightof the existing embankments. The minimum width of a crown has been set at 3 m(4).

The shortcomings described under 2 above abetted by the inadequate embankment height referred in 1 above were the main contributing causes for the severe damages suffered by the coastal areas of Ise Wan. The bitter lesson learned from this disaster paved the way for the decision to provide block, concrete, or asphalt armor for crowns and rear spreads. This has reduced greatly the occurrence of this kind of disaster. This threat, however, still exists in localities where the terrain hampers the construction of a firm foundation or the smooth undertaking of construction work. This stems from the fact that normally there occurs uneven settling of the foundation to breach the adhesion between the embankment and the face and rear spread armors to develop air gaps and holes; this, in turn, leads to seepage from overtopping waves to endanger the whole structure.

With regard to 2 above, measures are being instituted to correct the contour line of embankments to eliminate extreme protrusions and indentations; where this action is not possible, measures such as the construction of structures to dissipate the waves, etc., are being undertaken.

For 4 above, measures such as the insertion of still-water plates at the joints, conversion to a "maki" /rolled? concrete to strengthen the foundation, installation of sheet piles (steel or concrete) in the foundation, etc., are being instituted to ensure the water-tightness of the face armors; other moves that are being carried out to cope with the problems in this field include the construction of riprap to the front to prevent the erosion of earth and sand fill from the wave action and the extension of the "tosui" /literal rendition; transparent water channel to prevent water leakage.

<sup>(3)</sup> Port and Harbor Structures' Designing Standards, by Port & Harbor Bureau, Ministry of Transportation, Japan Port and Harbor Association, October 1969

<sup>(4)</sup> Standards for the Construction of Safe and Secure Coastal Facilities, by Ministries of Transportation, Construction, and Agriculture and Forestry, December 1967

There were a number of other major typhoons beside the Ise Wan typhoon that hit our coast to cause severe damages to the structures as a result of the shortcomings mentioned in 5 above. The damages suffered from these calamities were traced to the exposed rock piles and thin concrete spreads of face armors. Most of the newly constructed embankments are now being provided with face spread armors of 50 cm thickness or more, and thus, it can be said that part of the past damage causes has been removed. It must be noted, however, that the location and configuration of embankments are the final determinants for the type of wave actions to be encountered by the embankment structures, but sad to say, an embankment with the proper design to cope with this situation has not been developed so far and remains a priority project that requires urgent attention.

With regard to 6 above, it is quite possible to construct embankments that are not only solid but free from the worry of sinking foundation, soil erosion from wave wash, open joints and weep holes that can breach the embankment from armors, damaging uprushing and overtopping waves, etc. This can be done by carefully mixing the embankment's earth and sand with loam or clay. Dictated by the pressure exerted to complete the construction as quickly as possible, this approach has not gained the popularity among the builders as it rightly should. Instead, methods such as the use of sand pumps to blow the sand into place to build medium-packed embankments remain the main embankment construction methods so far to show that very little advancement has been made to correct the shortcomings under this category. In the areas where the terrain and soil prevent the construction of firm foundations. however. new modern methods, such as sand-drain method, vibro-flotation method, etc., have been adopted to carry out the construction work.

With regard to 7 above, measures such as the laying of pell-mell concretes in front of the rock piles, construction of rock pile embankments with tie-backs to "deadmen" buried in the earth, etc., are being instituted in the areas where severe hitsfrom strong wave actions are expected, but so far, none of the expected strikes has happened.

Measures carried out under 7 discussed above are also being instituted for the shortcomings under  $\underline{8}$ .

With regard to 2 above, measures are being undertaken to strengthen the positions where sluice gates, conduits, etc., are installed

so that they will not develop into the weak links of the structures and also to see that their connections to the embankment structures (both front and back) could be carried out easily and smoothly. Because of the failure to carry out comparable strengthening of the adjacent areas, problems such as the sinking of the adjacent areas, cracking of joints, etc., have been surfacing to become new critical problems in this field.

In recent years, the following have developed into major problems of embankment destruction.

- 10. The wear and tear of the edges of spreads, triggering the gradual breakdown process and the eventual collapse of the foundation.
- 11. The destruction of the crown by the heavy vehicle traffic followed by the sinking of the embankment earth and sand and the exposure of the bedding anchor due partly to the poor resistance capabilities of the rear spread and the bedding anchor to create a situation where the whole structure could suffer severe damages from heavy storm or overtopping waves.

The development of 10 above came about, it is believed, as a result of (1) the failure to strengthen the lower portion of the embankment at the same time the upper portion was strengthened as a preventive measure to cope with high tides accompanying strong typhoons, such as the Ise Wan typhoon, that can cause extensive damage; (2) the erosion of the coastal areas which is developing into a serious problem; and (3) the greater exposure of the edges of spreads to the action of waves brought about by the filling of offshore water to build sea walls instead of embankments.

In the past, the embankments constructed along the coastline with fairly well developed front beaches were provided with relatively shallow beddings. The work of solidifying these beddings, moreover, was cut to the minimum or was undertaken to meet the minimum requirements only. Thus, the erosion of the front beaches that normally occurs with the seasonal beach line changes led to the greater exposure of the edges of the embankment spreads to wave wash action of the coastal waves to accentuate their wear and tear and subsequently to the shifting and sinking of foundations and to the drainage of embankment earth and sand from the bottom to gradually break down and destroy the whole embankment. For the embankments that were expected to face heavy action of the waves and for the sea walls that were constructed on reclaimed land to the front, the beddings of their foundations were made deeper and steel

or concrete sheet piles were installed in the lower section of the foundations to serve as countermeasures against the aforementioned wear and tear and drainage. In many areas too, measures such as the building of rip-rap, laying of huge rocks, etc., were instituted to cope with the excessive wear and tear of the spread edges. Despite these efforts, however, very little inroad has been made so far to resolve this problem. The basic difficulty, it should be noted, stems from the fact that the wear and tear of spread edges is a development governed by a number of external factors including the seasonal changes that occur to the front beaches, the environmental changes that take place as a result of undertakings such as reclamation work, construction of port, harbor, and coastal facilities, changes generated by the construction of foundations or by the solidification work undertaken on beddings, etc. The difficulty of conducting visible check of bedding rocks, submerged below the water surface, is another matter that is compounding the problem on hand. At the present time, reliance is being placed on the bedding consolidation work (beddings with shallow foundation but reinforced with short sheet piles) to serve as the main deterrent against the aforementioned wear and tear. One of the criticisms being aired against the above is that sheet piles in the order of 3 to 5 meters that are being employed are too short to be effective, particularly in preventing the erosion of very fine grain soil, and can lead to the development of weep holes and gaps in the embankments.

The development under 11 above was brought about by the more extensive use of the embankments' crowns as roadways to help meet the cargo hauling requirements of our country that have been boomeranging in recent years. The heavy loads and traffic that travel over the crowns have caused heavy damages to these crowns in many areas and have led to the exposure of rear spread armors and bednature and to the erosion of embankment soil ding anchors to and armors. In connection with this problem, it is well to remember that in the past, the designing as well as the construction of an embankment or a sea wall was undertaken with little or no thought given to its use as a roadway to carry heavy loads and traffic. Thus, if there develops a need to do so, due consideration must be given to see that the load that it will be called upon to carry will be well within its capacity and will not lead to its breakdown.

B. Breakdown Process of Coastal Embankments and Visible Indicators of Changes (Wasting Index)

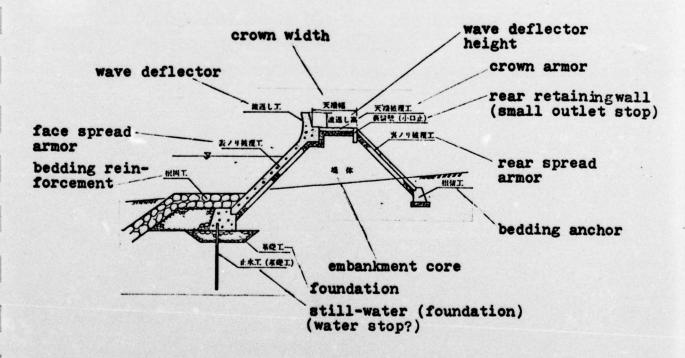
It is believed that the breakdown process of embankments and sea walls that had suffered damages from uncommon weather conditions will generally follow a certain set pattern. This statement does not apply, however, to the breakdown caused by rare typhoons, such as the one that hit Ise Wan (this kind of disaster poses much greater and more complex basic, structural, and planning problems). The research undertaken so far to probe this breakdown process and phenomena has been far from satisfactory. This is especially true for the fields of soil engineering and structural mechanics. difficulty of conducting structural analysis because of the different and varied mixtures of soil and concrete that are employed in the construction of embankment structures, the problem of accurately determining the precise role played by the various external forces, such as the action of waves, in the breakdown process of structures, the absence of a uniform national construction standards for embankments and sea walls that can serve as the basis for conducting meaningful technical analysis of structures, and the lack of proper maintenance and control of embankments and sea walls as a result of the laxity in vigilance that had set in since the construction (a la the saying, "Disaster comes around just about the time the last one is forgotten") are some of the main negative reasons that have discouraged the undertaking of research in this field. Extensive developmental work, such as the establishment of seaside industrial zones, construction of housings on reclaimed coastal areas, etc., have been taking place along our coastline in recent years; this could mean that a disaster hit of the future will have much greater impact than in the past. In addition to the destruction of life and property of the people living in the area, a disastrous calamity of the future can seriously affect the economy of our whole country. For this reason, there exists the urgent need to push for the research on soil engineering and structural mechanics of coastal embankments.

If it can be assumed that the wasting of an embankment or a sea wall is a breakdown process of its structures, then it can be assumed that the unique visible changes or multiple combination changes (e.g., initial surface cracks, sinking process, etc.) that occur /to the structures are manifestation of the various stages of this breakdown process. If one can show the wasting of structures by examining these visible changes, what great contribution it will be not only for the maintenance and control work that must be done but for the designing of structures as well.

The flow charts, 3.2 (1)-(7), were prepared from the visible changes that were observed in the breakdown process of embankments. The information provided (restricted to embankments only) has not been confirmed, but represents the best analysis from available data. A sea wall is generally regarded as an embankment without the rear spread armor and the bedding anchor; thus, the structural data given for the embankments in this section should apply to sea walls as well.

The shape and the nomenclature of a typical embankment are shown in Chart 3.1. The model chosen for this study was a three-sided concrete armor embankment. The thickness of the face spread armor was assumed to be 50 cm, and the thickness of the armors for the crown and the rear spread, 15-20 cm. Actually, there are many different types of embankments in existence; there are some with asphalt as the armors for the crown and the rear spread, some with the face spread standing almost vertical, and some with multiple front and rear spread sections. The one in Chart 3.1 was selected in the belief that it adequately represented the other types and that it will adequately serve the need for the discussions to follow on the visible changes that occur to embankments.

Chart 3.1 - Nomenclature of a Coastal Embankment



1. Hastening of Embankment Disintegration by Erosion of Foundation and Other Causes Brought About by Wave Action (see Chart 3.2 (1))

Breakdown cases that fall under this category are those that occur from the action of waves. The disintegration (scattering) of the reinforced bedding from the pressure exerted by wave forces eventually erodes the foundation; this, in turn, leads to the collapse of the embankment. This breakdown process is shown in Chart 3.2 (1). In most cases, however, the actual breakdown process does not go beyond the disintegration of the reinforced concrete or the erosion of the lower half of the foundation. It can be said too, that there have been very few cases where a complete collapse had occurred from the first exposure of an embankment to some unusual weather condition. Exposure, however, to continuing adverse weather conditions can cause severe damages to the structures to bring about the collapse. There have been many cases where the erosion of an embankment had been triggered by a minor calamity. In most of these cases, the erosion developed small breaches that remained undetected and as a result, subsequent calamities served as the aggravating force for these breaches to bring about embankment rupture and crown cracks. The resultant impact of this development was the seepage of overtopping waves and rain water into the embankment core to shift the earth and sand to break down the solidity of the foundation. This meant, of course, that whenever a new storm hit the area to cause the waves or the rain to overflow the embankment or when the crown was used excessively by heavy traffic, there would be more extensive and more rapid breakdown of the whole embankment. To cope with this situation, steps such as the installation of sheet piles to halt the seepage below the bottom half of the foundation, etc., have been initiated. It has been reported 5, however, that the effectiveness of these steps has been hampered greatly by the failure to correct the construction flaws that still exist in the field, such as the improper tie-ups of the sheet piles, shortness of the sheet piles used, excessive fineness of the sand used for embankment core, etc.

As the erosion of the foundation becomes more pronounced, the foundation begins to sink to develop a breach between the face spread armor and the foundation to open the way for the embankment earth and sand to wash away. When this occurs, small air holes and gaps begin to develop within the embankment. As long as they remain

(5) Four Basic Coastal Problems, by Toshima Osamu, Doboku Gijutsu Shiryo (Civil Engineering Technical Data), 10-5, pp 215

small, no serious problem will develop, but their growth in size could lead to trouble, such as foundation break, cracking of crown, rupture to concrete structures, etc. Concrete embankments have greater resistance to these breakdowns, but once they set in, even these embankments are doomed to destruction. Failure to institute corrective measures to arrest these breakdowns will lead to further disintegrations, such as the cracking of the rear spread armor (and even face spread armor with its thicker covering), sinking of the wave deflector, damage to the crown, etc., and eventually to the collapse of the whole embankment.

In addition to the case mentioned above, the drainage of embankment earth and sand has occurred from cracks and angular breaks that developed at the ground site. The cracks referred above were caused by the sinking or forward tilting of the foundation, and the angular breaks, by the use of poor material, poor construction work, or friction between the bedding anchors that shifted their positions from the action of waves. The primary cause of the aforementioned sinking and tilting could be traced to poor designing work; that is to say, the inadequate designed capacity of the foundation to handle the weight load of the wave deflector and the face spread armor.

The erosion of embankment earth and sand normally develops at a very slow pace beginning with weep holes and small gaps. The difficulty of detecting these flaws has prevented the adoption of effective countermeasures and has led to the development of serious damage to the embankment.

(Waves) Poor con-Poor de-Scattering struction : signing ; of reinforced Lwork \_\_\_\_ bedding Angular Inadequate break at foundation \ Erosion of ground site support cafoundation pacity for heavy face Erosion of Sinking of spread arembankment or & wave foundation earth & sand deflector from lower Poundation Slippage of Breach bepart of foundforward tween foundface spread ation armor tilting ation & face Air holes spread armor Breach with VV (small) unwave deflect-Erosion of derneath the or; breach & embankment face spread slippage of earth & sand armor face spread Air holes un-Cracking of derneath the crown face spread armor Sinking of crown & breach Crown crack from soil with wave deflector erosion Sinking of crown; cracking of rear spread armor: rupture at ground site (enlargement of air holes) Cracking of face spread armor

Sinking of face spread armor Development of directional misalignment of wave deflector & embankment site with coastline & coastline angle from Slip page, breakdown, & angular break Rupture of face spread armor Major sinking of wave deflector Major sinking of crown Erosion of embankment earth & sand collapse of

embankment

2. Hastening of Embankment Disintegration by Crashing Waves (see Chart 3.2 (2))

Waves packing powerful force that crash against embankments have been known to tilt the wave reflector backward and in some cases, to topple it completely. There have been a number of cases where waves of this magnitude had destroyed embankments with weep holes below the face spread armor.

It can be expected that strong waves that crash against embankments will bring heavy overtopping waves and that defective crown or rear spread armor will be suffering severe damages from this overtopping. Recent measures instituted to cope with this problem include the construction of wave breakers and the thickening of the face spread armor. This approach eliminated the need to tamper with the idea of building a larger wave deflector and has reduced greatly the damages suffered from the crashing waves.

(Crashing Waves)

# Chart 3.2 (2)

1 Backward tilting of wave deflector Toppling of wave Breach between face spread ardeflector mor and ground Increase in the surface amount of over-Erosion of emtopping waves bankment earth Damage to crown & sand Sinking or rup-ture of face Damage to rear spread armor spread armor Damage to rear Collapse of embankment spread armor

(Where face spread armor is thin or where air holes exist underneath the face spread armor)

Rupture or damage of face spread armor Erosion of embank-ment earth & sand

Collapse of embankment

Collapse of embankment

# (continued Chart 3.2 (2))

(Large Amount of Overtopping Waves) ......(Where air holes exist underneath the Penetration from Cracking of crown & crown or rear spread cracks or ground sites rear spread armor armor) of crown and rear spread armor or both Damage to crown & rear spread armor Flow from the front of rear spread armor Erosion of embank-Erosion of embankment earth & sand ment earth & soil Collapse of embankment

3. Hastening of Embankment Disintegration by Water Level Difference Between Inside and Outside the Embankment During High Tides (see Chart 3.2 (3))

Breakdown cases that fall under this category are those that occur from the difference in the water levels within and outside the embankment during high tides. This difference can cause the tilting of the wave deflector (parapet) to develop a small drain passage; this passage gradually grows in size to topple or damage the wave deflector.

Difference in Embankment's Internal and External Water Levels During High Tides

Backward tilting of wave deflector

Breach between face spread armor and ground surface

Outward flow of water from embankment (via weep holes)

Air holes underneath the crown

Crack and rupture of crown

Toppling of wave deflector

Erosion of crown and rear spread armor

Collapse of embankment

5. Hastening of Embankment Disintegration by Heavy Traffic and Loads That Pass Over the Crown (see Chart 3.2 (4))

It is believed that because of natural phenomena, such as the compaction and settlement of embankment earth and sand, gaps and weep holes can be found in all embankments, even in those embankments under the best of control system. It can be said too that it would not be wrong to assume that because of the inevitable embankment soil erosion that occurs from a multitude of causes, weep

holes, normally found under the crown, are common flaws of all embankments. The use of the embankment top by vehicles carrying heavy loads, therefore, could have a serious effect on the crown. It could easily lead to the cracking of the concrete armor of the crown and to the erosion of the soil beneath it to bring about its ultimate destruction. This problem, it may be pointed out, is no different from the one faced in the maintenance of highway pave-Basically, all embankments were designed and constructed as shore protective structures against the rising water level of the seas and were not conceived to serve as roadways to carry heavy Thus, in the designing work undertaken, attention was cargoes. focussed on the strength of the face spread armor and the foundation to see that they were firmly built and were fully capable of resisting the onslaught of the frontal waves, but little importance was placed on the strength of the rear spread armor or the bedding anchor. For the latter, about the only consideration given was to see that they were strong enough to support the resistance of the embankment against wave forces and hydraulic pressure. Needless to say, the use of these inadequately prepared embankments for the hauling of heavy loads has been taking its toll. The higher earth pressure of the embankment soil, the inability of the small and shallowly implaced bedding anchors to bear the weight pressure, etc., have led to ground rupture, cracking of rear spread armor, exposure of bedding anchor, etc., to change the outer appearance of the embankments. These developments accompanied by the cracking of the crown and the rupture of the ground site have intensified greatly the erosion of embankment earth and sand. result of all of the above has been the enlargement of the seepage openings, the hastening of the ultimate destruction of the crown and the rear spread, and the development of a situation where a hit by a calamity packing heavy overtopping waves could mean the end to many embankments.

# Heavy Traffic Loads

(Majority with gaps and weep holes beneath the crown)

Cracking and soil erosion of crown

Angle break, slippage, or break at the ground site

Angle break, breach, or slippage of rear spread or wave deflector

Compaction & sinking of embankment earth & sand

(With strong bedding anchor)

(With weak bedding anchor)

Vulnerability of rear spread armor

Slippage, breach of rear spread armor

Erosion of embankment earth and sand

Exposure of bedding anchor

Erosion of embankment earth and sand (from precipitation and overtopping waves)

Sinking of crown Sinking of rear spread armor Ground rupture

Rupture of rear spread armor

Outflow of embankment soil due to heavy overtopping waves

Collapse of embankment

5. Hastening of Embankment Disintegration by Earth Pressure of Embankment Earth and Sand (see Chart 3.2 (5))

The exposure of the bedding anchor and the rear spread armor will develop under the following conditions: (1) the implacement of the bedding anchor is too shallow in relation to the height of the embankment; (2) the bedding anchor is too small to resist the earth pressure of the embankment earth and sand; and (3) the rear spread armor is too thin and weak despite the fact that the bedding anchor had been amply strengthened.

The above plus the inadequate height of the crown prompted the adoption of the measure to pile up the embankment core higher, but even this step will be to no avail against the above development without the reinforcement of the bedding anchor and without the decision to cancel the deepening of the tide stopper located behind the bedding anchor. This kind of breakdown process can occur easily when the rear spread armor is a single section and where there is a big elevation difference between the bedding anchor and the crown. If the elevation difference is 5 m or more, ample reinforcement of the multiple section of the rear spread armor? or the bedding anchor must be undertaken.

The drainage of the embankment core, aggravated by heavy overtopping waves, is a distinct possibility under this breakdown process, but for the most part, the normal breakdowns are changes,
such as the slippage and breach of the rear spread armor, rupture
of the crown at the ground site, breach of the rear spread armor
with thin covering, etc., that are all visible from the surface.
There have been very few cases where these breakdowns had not been
noticed and had been left unattended to bring about the downfall
of the whole embankment.

Earth Pressure of Embankment Earth and Sand (Weak bedding anchor) (Firm bedding anchor but thin rear spread armor) Exposure of bedding Exposure of rear spread anchor armor Slippage of rear spread Slippage and breach of rear armor spread armor at ground site Slippage and breach of Erosion of embankment earth crown at ground site & sand Breach of rear spread Cracking of crown armor at ground site Rupture of rear spread Sinking and cracking of armor plate rear spread armor Shift of embankment earth and sand to the edge of rear spread; development of air holes beneath crown Sinking, rupture, and cracking of crown Erosion of embankment earth and sand Destruction of crown & rear spread armor Overtopping waves; high tides Collapse of embankment

6. Hastening of Embankment Disintegration by Compaction and Settlement of Embankment Earth and Sand (see Chart 3.2 (6))

In most cases, embankments are constructed by using the available sand on the front beaches after which the three sides are provided with coverings. The compaction of the sand blown onto the embankment by a side pump is normally confined, however, to the bull-dozers used for leveling. Therefore, after the completion and the passage of several years, gaps normally develop between the concrete blocks that had been laid as coverings on the three sides because of the compaction and settlement of the embankment core. Even if the best of precaution is taken at the time of the construction, moreover, there normally will develop seepage of rain water, etc., into the embankment. The fluctuating level of the tides that hit from the front affects the water level within the embankment, causing the penetration of very fine grain of sand to settle in-between the rocks that had been laid below the coverings. These sand eventually create weep holes and gaps inside the embankment core to cause the sinking and cracking of the concrete blocks of the crown from their own weight, which, in turn, lead to the rupture and soil erosion of the ground site. Needless to say, these breakdowns can be greatly accelerated by the excessive use of the embankment crown by heavy vehicles and loads. Growing deterioration of the crown will be accompanied by growing seepage of rain water, overtopping waves, etc., into the embankment; this, in turn, will aggravate the drainage of the embankment earth and sand from both the front and the back of the embankment. This problem, it should be noted, will be greatly magnified if the embankment core is made up of very fine sand and soil. As can be seen from the above, the structure that encounters the severest of damage from this breakdown is the crown. Fortunately, repair or replacement of the damaged crowns is being carried out because if unattended, grave consequences, such as the exposure of the bedding anchor, breach in the rear spread armor at the ground site, etc., could develop and could bring about the situation where a hit by severe overtopping waves would destroy or wash away the crown and the rear spread armor to topple the whole embankment.

A number of countermeasures, such as the use of more sticky soil for the embankment core to provide better adhesive strength, placement of suitable filter layer in-between the embankment soil and the fill, etc., are available to cope with the breakdowns under this category, but so far, none of these measures has been instituted.

Compaction and Sinking of Embankment Earth and Sand

Development of weep holes & gaps beneath the face and rear spread armors and crown

(in the order of cm)

heavy traffic Drain of fine earth & sand into lower section of embank-ment and filled rip rap

Cracking of crown

Rupture of crown concrete blocks

Slippage & break of work site; slippage and break of wave deflector and rear spread armor from ground site

Erosion of embankment earth & sand caused by seepage of over-topping waves and rain water from crown (drainage from edge of rear spread armor)

Exposure of bedding anchor

Slippage and break of rear spread armor at work site

Rupture of rear spread armor

overtopping waves

Collapse of embankment

 Hastening of Embankment Disintegration by the Sinking of Base From the Weight of Embankment (see Chart 3.2 (7))

The breakdown under this category differs from the breakdown caused by the compaction and settlement (sinking) of the embankment earth and sand that was discussed in the previous section. The cases that fall under this category are those that occur from the inability of the base to support the weight of the embankment. This inability usually leads to its sinking and in turn, to the uneven sinking of the various parts of the embankment to develop structural breakdowns, such as rupture of concrete work, exposure of the bedding anchor, breach at the ground site, etc. The deterioration rate of these structures will be accelerated greatly by developments, such as a hit by a heavy storm with strong attacking waves, or by abuses, such as the use of the crown by heavy traffic and loads, to bring about the early collapse of the whole embankment.

Weak bases must be renovated and reinforced to meet the requirements. Due care must be exercised at the time of the designing to see that the base will be strong and firm and that there will be no uneven sinking of the embankment. These precautions will prevent the development of serious problems.

# Chart 3.2 (7)

Sinking of Base From the Weight of Embankment

Sinking of foundation of face spread armor comprised of large sections

Forward tilting of wave deflect-

Slippage & breach at worksite from uneven sinking

Shifting of embankment earth and sand due to flow of rain water, overtopping waves, etc., into embankment

Cracking of crown and rear spread armor

Erosion of embankment earth & sand

Collapse of embankment

Sinking of bedding anchor Slippage & breach between rear spread & crown at ground site

Slippage & breach of rear spread & bedding anchor at ground site C. Visible Indicators of the Wasting of Various Parts of an Embankment

In section <u>B</u>, discussions were conducted on the breakdown process of embankments and on the typical changes that occur to the various parts of an embankment that can be seen from the outside in the breakdown process. In actuality, an embankment is made up of many more sections than those shown in Chart 3.1 and if closer observations are made, many more breakdowns can be detected.

In essence, the actual relationship between the breakdown process and the changes that appear on the surface of an embankment still remains a matter of conjecture. It is believed that a clearer understanding of this relationship could be gained by adopting the following approach to the problem: (1) first catalogue the visible changes that have occurred to the various parts of an embankment (to serve as ready reference aid), and (2) then compare the changes observed in the actual breakdown survey conducted on an embankment with the changes listed in the aforementioned catalogue to obtain corroborative evidence of the relationship between the two. The use of this knowledge and the catalogue mentioned above should permit the gathering of reliable data on the breakdown process (i.e., the extent of the wasting) of embankments.

Most probably, the basic problem to be encountered under this approach will be the difficulty of correctly evaluating the significance of the visible changes to the embankments that had been observed and correctly categorizing them under the proper groupings.

Table 3.1 presents the various external changes (wasting indicators) that were observed on the various parts of embankments, changes that could be employed as the basic wasting data of coastal embankments for the study approach mentioned above.

Table 3.1 -- Vesible charges Showing whe wasting (Wasting Index) of Coasting Embankment Breakdowns

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## Key (to Table 3.1):

- 1. Name of structure and visible indicator of wasting
- 2. Name of structure
- Shape and location
   Visible indicator of wasting
- 5. Foundation
- 6. Shape
- 7. Face spread armor
- 8. Material (concrete)
- Ground site and adjacent area
- 10. Crack situation
- 11. Wave deflector
- 12. Destruction of connecting part to rock base
- 13. Burial, dispersion of beding anchor rock armor
- 14. Burial, dispersion of wave dissipation block
- 15. Erosion
- 16. Sinking
- 17. Exposure
- 18. Exposure toward normal right angle direction
- 19. Protrusion toward normal right angle direction
- 20. Indentation toward normal right angle direction
- 21. Angular break
- 22. Abrasion
- 23. Damage
- 24. Surface rust
- 25. Breach of vertical ground site (normal direction of ground site)
- 26. Angular break of vertical ground site (normal direction of ground site)
- 27. Vertical slippage of vertical ground site (normal direction of ground site)

- 28. Cave-in inside the surface of vertical ground site (normal direction of ground site)
- 29. Breach of horizontal ground site (normal right angle direction of ground site)
- 30. Angular break of horizontal ground site (normal right angle direction of ground site)
- 31. Vertical slippage of horizontal ground site (normal right angle direction of ground site)
- 32. Cave-in inside the surface of horizontal ground site (normal right angle direction of ground site)
- 33. Breach between implaced joint and foundation
- 34. Angular break between implaced joint and foundation
- 35. Vertical slippage of implaced joint for foundation
- 36. Breach between implaced joint and foundation
- 37. Slippage of implaced joint from foundation
- 38. Angular break of implaced joint from foundation
- 39. Normal direction crack
- 40. Normal right angle direction crack
- 41. Erosion of soil
- 42. Normal indentation
- 43. Cause
- 44. Waves
- 45. Crashing waves
- 46. Internal and external water levels of embankment during high tide
- 47. Heavy vehicle traffic

# (Continued Key to Table 3.1)

48. Earth pressure of embankment earth and sand 49. Compaction and sinking of embankment earth & sand 50. Sinking of base from weight of embankment 51. Others 52. Flow 53. Littoral material 54. Chemical change, weathering 55. Improper construction work 56. Remark 57. Shifting of foundation 58. Shifting of foundation (sinking, tilting forward) 59. (Abrasion, chemical change, and weathering from wave action and sand action) 60. Erosion of ferro-concrete/ iron bars; inadequate covering 61. (Exposure from heavy vehicle traffic) 62. (Uneven sinking of embankment earth and sand) 63. Sinking of foundation 64. (Possibility depending on the structure)

66. Abrasion, chemical change, and weathering from wave action 67. Crown 68. Material 69. Breach 70. Vertical clippage

71. Slippage, front & back 72. Normal direction water level

73. Erosion of soil (very few or no crack of normal right angle 95. Presumed existence of weep direction)

74. Erosion of soil (many cracks of normal right angle direction; cracks of normal direction)

75. Erosion of soil (sinking & rupture of concrete block)

76. Erosion of soil (due to improper construction work)

77. Breach at work site

78. Angular break at work site

79. Vertical slippage at work site

80. Slippage below the surface of work site

81. Breach between wave deflector and ground site

82. Vertical slippage between wave deflector and ground site

83. Angular break between wave deflector and ground site

84. Breach between rear spread and ground site

85. Vertical slippage between rear spread and ground site

86. Angular break between rear spread and ground site

87. Only small number of cracks; all normal right angle direction cracks

88. Large number of normal right angle direction cracks

(Uneven sinking of foundation) 89. Large numbers of both normal right angle and normal direction cracks

90. Exposure of normal right angle direction

91. Protrusion of normal right angle direction

92. Indentation of normal right angle direction

93. Soil erosion of shoulder 94. Erosion of ferro-concrete/ iron bars

holes and gaps in embankment

# (Continued Key to Table 3.1)

95a. Presumed weep holes & gaps in embankment to be fairly large

96. Overtopping waves

97. Abrasion, chemical change, & weathering from vehicle traffic and overtopping waves

98. Due to vehicle traffic & overtopping waves

overtopping waves

99. Drainage of embankment earth
& sand from weep holes in
embankment and crown; seepage of soil & sand into
rip-rap

100. Forward tilting of wave deflector

100a. (Drainage of embankment earth & sand; possibly from shifting)

101. Backward tilting of wave deflector

102. Exposure of rear spread

103. Most probable existence of weep holes and gaps in embankment

104. Definite existence of weep holes and gaps in embank-ment

105. (Heavy traffic - heavy loads)

106. (Shift of bedding anchor)

107. (Sinking, forward tilting of bedding anchor)

108. Erosion of ferro-concrete/
1 iron bars; inadequate covering

109. Rear spread armor

110. Bedding anchor

111. Ground site

112. Break of vertical ground site

113. Angular break of vertical ground site

114. Vertical slippage of vertical ground site

115. Slippage below the surface of vertical ground site

116. Breach of horizontal ground site

117. Vertical slippage of horizontal ground site

118. Slippage below the surface of horizontal ground site

119. Angular break of horizontal ground site

120. Break between bedding anchor and implaced joint

121. Angular break between bedding anchor and implaced joint

122. Vertical slippage of implaced joint with bedding anchor

123. Erosion of soil of normal direction

124. Pipings

125. Humming noise of embankment from wave action and vehicle traffic

126. Exposure and shifting of reinforced bedding from vehicle traffic

127. Shifting of bedding anchor

128. Shifting of bedding anchor due to internal weep holes and gaps of embankment

IV. On the Survey of Existing Waste Conditions of Coastal Embankments

In Chapter III. we first examined the breakdown process of coastal embankments as well as the visible embankment changes that occur in this process and then presented the "points" [per text] to watch in the breakdown process, i.e., the things to notice in the detection of embankment wasting. These "points" to be sure will show the existing waste condition of an embankment, but they will not show the extent of the wasting that has occurred nor the time span before the wasting will cause the collapse of the embankment. The above is to say that although the post-construction changes (wasting index) that surface on an embankment will serve as wasting signs, they will not show how well an embankment can withstand the onslaught of an unusual weather that brings strong waves, high tides, heavy rainfall and floods, high water levels, etc. The answer to this question lies in thorough and extensive research of the calamities that had occurred to embankments in the past. Sad to report, however, the types of data required for this research are not readily available; that is to say, in most cases, no information is available on the environmental conditions (especially data on wave force) that prevailed at the time of the past calamity strikes and even data on the embankment structures that were damaged or destroyed by a calamity as well as the conditions of the soil at the time are difficult to obtain. The same kind of problem is also being encountered in the gathering of data on the damaged structures that were reconstructed or restored after a disaster. The difficulty in these cases could be attributed to the placement of top priority on speedy restoration work to safeguard the life and property of the people living to the rear of the damaged area and to the relegation of disaster data collection function to secondary importance. Needless to say, there are infinite varieties of disaster damages, necessitating meticulous collection of pertinent data over a long period of time to clearly grasp the relationship between the developing wasting situations and the external forces, such as wave action, that bring about these development. Normally, an important source for these data is the maintenance and control files kept on embankments. Unfortunately, there was much to be desired in the files that were made available to compound the work that we had to undertake in this study.

In the face of the situations discussed above, we undertook the on-the-spot surveys with the focus of attention placed on the following: (1) acquiring accurate information on the existing waste conditions of the coastal embankments and sea walls: (2) testing the waste conditions of the structural materials of the coastal embankments and sea walls: and (3) seeking the comprehensive judgments of specialists on the waste conditions.

These on-the-spot data were employed as basic information in the preparation of the wasting index for the coastal embankments and sea walls.

A. Acquiring Accurate Information on the Existing Waste Conditions of Coastal Embankments and Sea Walls

To acquire accurate information on the existing waste conditions of coastal embankments and sea walls, the cooperation of the officials in charge of the coastal areas of Mie, Ishikawa, Toyama, Yamaguchi, and Oita prefectures was sought. From each of them, we obtained a listing of the so-called "rokyuka old and useless" membankments and sea walls located in his area of jurisdiction. From these listings, certain ones were selected for the on-the-spot surveys that were conducted. Those surveyed are listed in Chart 5.1. Inasmuch as these listings that were submitted were based on a vague guidance, "...those embankments believed to have become 'rokyuka'", many of the embankments and sea walls that were listed did not meet the requirements of the term, "rekka," as defined in section II and as used in this study; even embankments/ sea walls scheduled for disaster renovation work were included in these listings.

There were a number of factors that compounded the problem of acquiring accurate information on the existing waste conditions of embankments and sea walls. The limited scope of the investigation conducted and the insufficient number of sample breakdown cases that fell within the definition of the term, "rekka," were two of these factors. With regard to the latter, the primary, cause could be traced to the difficulty of providing clear-cut guidance to the aforementioned officials in the selection of the embankments and sea walls to be listed. This stemmed from the fact that at that time, there was no clear understanding on how to define the term, "rokyuka," nor how to distinguish the difference between this term and the term, "rekka," and how this selection should be made. Another factor that contributed to the problem on hand was the unavailability of construction data on old embankments and sea walls due in many cases to their misplacement or to their filing in archives to make their accessibility difficult.

The difference of opinions on the term, "rokyuka," among the officials responsible for the maintenance and control of embankments and sea walls (also true among the officials who were asked to prepare the listings) as well as the abstract nature of the question itself, was the primary reason, it is believed, that made it difficult for us to gain the full understanding of the top government officials in charge of coastal affairs on the purpose

of this study. This failure was due for the most part to the poor explanation that was provided, but the very fact that we failed to gain this understanding did prove that there were differences of opinions on the urgency of "rokyuka" or "rekka"; that is to say, the seriousness of the wasting conditions of embankments and sea walls. That we were able through this study to alert those who are concerned on the seriousness of the situation is a matter of great satisfaction to us.

B. Testing the Waste Conditions of the Structural Materials of Coastal Embankments and Sea Walls.

We conducted careful on-the-spot surveys of concrete, the main material used for embankments and sea walls. The surveys undertaken included surface observations, compression strength test via "SHIYUMITTO" (Schmidt?) hammer, concrete quality evaluation via supersonic test method, and concrete material test via core boring of front surface. The findings were reported in Issue No 142, Technical Note of the Port and Harbor Research Institute.

C. Comprehensive Judgments on the Wasting of Coastal Embankments and Sea Walls

This study was undertaken with the primary objective of developing a method that can correctly evaluate and index the visible wasting changes that occur to embankments and sea walls on the basis of scientific and rational approach. If successful, this can be a valuable contribution to the task of determining the maintenance and control, or repair work that must be performed on embankments and sea walls to safeguard the precious life and property of the people residing in the area. Although the adoption of rational decisions on the visible wasting changes that occur to embankments and sea walls posed no serious problem, the task of indexing these changes to set up a wasting index was by no mean an easy one to achieve.

The study undertaken included careful review of the general concept on embankment and sea wall wastes as well as the significance attached to these wastes, on-the-spot investigation and confirmation of wastes, and examination of the methods to index these wastes.

The designs of embankments and sea walls differ greatly from those for the structures found within a harbor or port. Inasmuch as very few analysis work had been conducted in the past on the response behaviors of embankments and sea walls, their handling under the principle of dynamics was made extremely difficult. For

this very reason, the decision made in the past on the specifications for the parts and materials of embankments and sea walls had to be based on the well-established /General? Structural Specifications Manual. Because of the above, therefore, there was no way to verify the observed wastes of the embankments and sea walls on the basis and under the concept of structural dynamics. No provision was made in this study to conduct some kind of an experimental research to tackle the above problem and as a result, it became necessary to select an alternative method to achieve the objective in mind. The approach chosen was to strive for a comprehensive judgment of technical specialists? on the breakdown signs, such as visible cracks, slippage at the ground site, etc., and waste conditions of structural materials of embankments and sea walls and then for the estimates of the extent/degree of these wastes from the standpoint of structural stability.

The following are some of the reasons that prompted the adoption of the above approach:

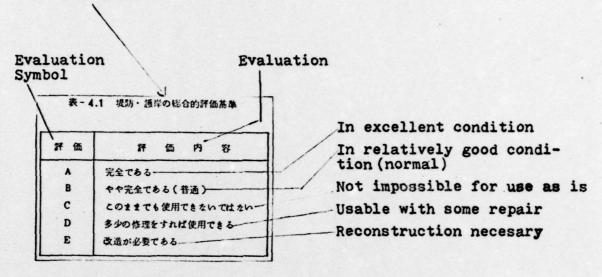
- a. The decision on the parts and materials of the coastal structures had not been based on the concept of structural dynamics, etc., and thus, there was no way to obtain sufficient scholarly verification of the structural destruction.
- b. Although no information was available on the theoretical basis of the comprehensive judgment offered by the technical specialists with coastal engineering knowledge and practical experience on the structural designs of embankments and sea walls, the judgment appeared accurate and reliable.
- c. There was an absence of clear understanding on the concept of wasting from the very beginning and yet no program was conceived nor implemented to correct the situation.

The appraisal formula employed in the comprehensive judgment offered by the aforementioned technical specialists was the 5-category evaluation formula shown in Table 4.1.

This appraisal method and the accompanying discussion on the basis used for the judgment TN: No explanation for the method or the discussion given helped to better understand the concept of wasting and led to the method of grouping the visible changes that were noted on subsequent embankments, etc., that were examined to estimate the wastes.

The 5-category evaluation formula showing the assessed waste conditions is given in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 - Comprehensive Evaluation Standard of Embankments and Sea Walls



# V. Existing Visible Wasting Conditions of Coastal Embankments and Sea Walls

Existing visible wasting conditions of the coastal embankments and sea walls and the findings of the on-the-spot surveys that were conducted to evaluate the extent of the wastings that had occurred to structures are shown in Chart 5.1-Chart 5.28, and Table 5.1-Table 5.2. The summary of facilities surveyed is given in Table 5.1. Charts 5.1-5.28 are cross-section drawings of the facilities surveyed in Yamaguchi, Oita, Ishikawa, Toyama, and Mie prefectures. Photographs 5.1-5.121 show snapshots of the visible changes that were observed on the various facilities surveyed. The photographing was focussed on those subjects that could be categorized as wasting indicator. Table 5.2 shows the existing coastal embankment wastesthat were observed per checklist of wasting index discussed in III C above.

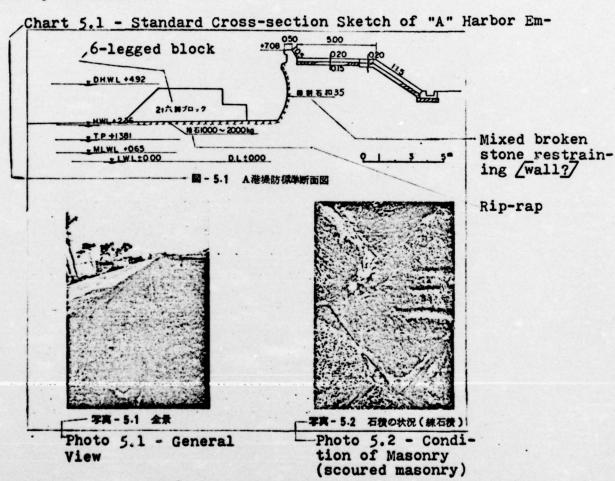
Table 5.1 - Summary of Facilities Surveyed

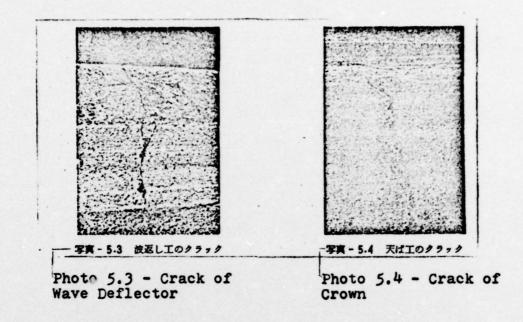
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<sup>\*</sup>Information enclosed in parenthesis indicates the type of face spread armor; where not given, the armor is concrete armor.

## 1. "A" Harbor: Embankment

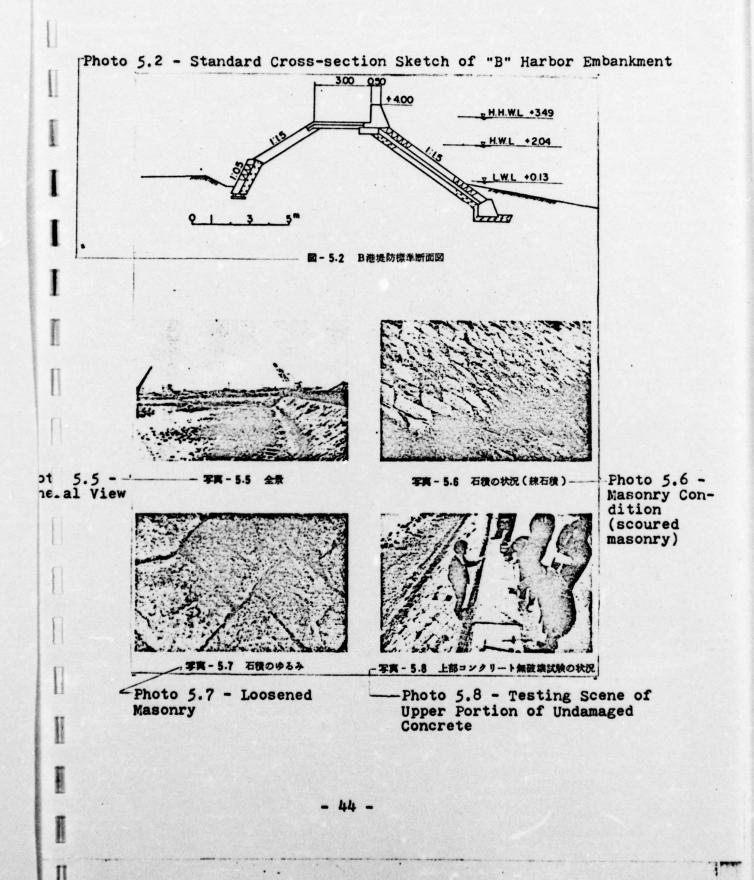
Embankment located on the west side of Ise Wan; very little wave disturbance but eroded coast with six-legged block to the front as well as jetty; completed 60 years ago; survived Ise Wan typhoon with no damage; farmland and farm homes located to the rear; embankment face spread, "kanchi" /sic; can also be read, "mashiri/majiri", to be a possible Anglification of "module"/ masonry, and others, three layer concrete; hair cracks at 3-5 m interval in wave deflector; crown used for road but no sinking; cracks at 3-5 m interval between crown and wave deflector; a very secure embankment for a masonry embankment.





#### 2. "B" Harbor: Embankment

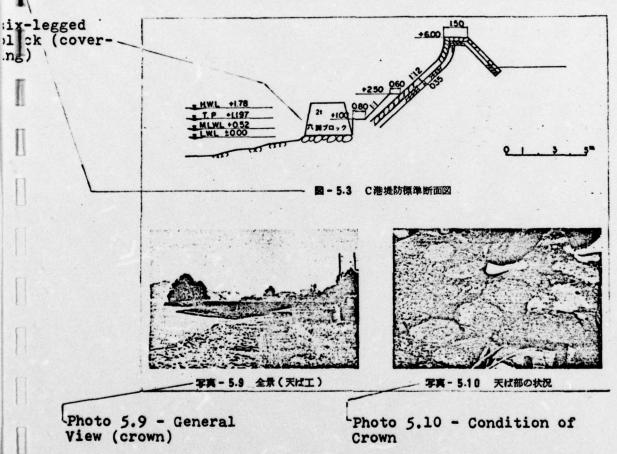
Embankment located on the south side of Ise Wan at the mouth of Isuzu Gawa (river); almost no wave disturbance; farmland and farm homes located to the rear; entire embankment surface, "kanchi" masonry, and crown, concrete (at the present time, asphalt); rear spread, sown mixed beach grass; below "kanchi" masonry, ground site packed concrete peeled off and sank to same level as water level to develop crevice, creating erosion danger to embankment earth and sand; crown used heavily by traffic, causing 7 cm sink-king but now paved with asphalt.

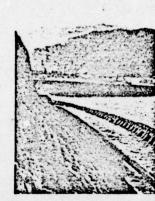


## 3. "C" Harbor: Embankment (Masonry)

Embankment located on the southeast side of Kii pen deep inside the Owase Wan; fairly strong in-flow of waves from Kumano Nada, but partly abated by Benzai Island located to the front; patty fields, farmland, and railroad located to the rear; whole embankment constructed of coffer stones; packed concrete at ground site below the coffer stone pile peeled off; cracks at ground site; erosion of coffer stones in spots, creating threat of possible erosion of embankearth and sand; front reinforced bedding covered with six-legged concrete block.

-Chart 5.3 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "C" Harbor Embankment





- 写真 - 5.11 表のり面(石積)

Photo 5.11 - Face Spread (masonry)



- 写真 - 5.12 姿のり面の状況

Photo 5.12 - Condition of Face Spread

# 4. "D" Harbor: Embankment (Masonry)

Embankment located north of Kunisaki peninsula on the south side of Suo Nada; believed no exposure to strong wave action; constructed in 1952 as a subsidized project; face spread, "kanchi" masonry, and crown and rear spread, covered with growing mixed grass; face spread, exposed and shows depression; ground site packed concrete peeled off, showing run off of sea water to indicate possible erosion of embankment earth and sand; angular break of wave deflector's concrete joint; wave deflector shows abrasion; shows normal right angle direction crack.

Photo 5.13 - Cross-section View of Embankment

-Photo 5.14 - Wave Deflector Crack (upper side)

-Photo 5.15 - Wave Deflector Crack (back side)

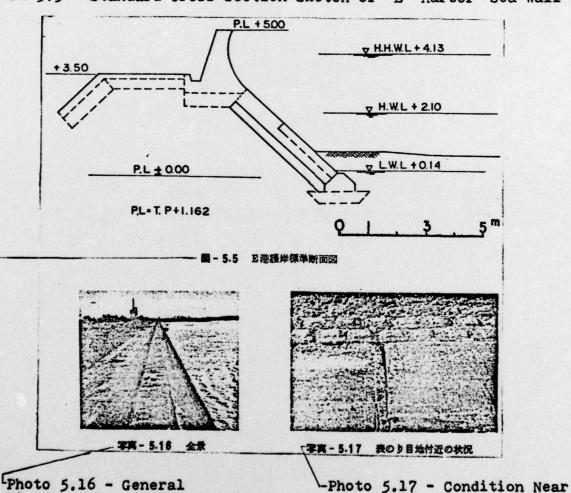
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### 5. "E" Harbor: Sea Wall

View

Sea wall located on the southwest side of Ise Wan inside an inlet to be free from wave disturbance; depth of water to the front, about 1 m; spread shows crack; farm homes and farmland located to the rear; lower part, "kanchi" block mound showing few abrasions; angular break and damage observable in pile joints of block and concrete and additional breakdown could develop erosion of fill; crack in sectional direction but small so should not develop into big problem; heavy traffic and loads on crown caused sinking; cracking and angular breaks in crown, particularly in corner and at angle.

Chart 5.5 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "E" Harbor Sea Wall



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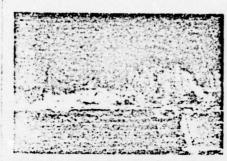


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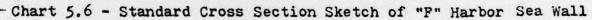
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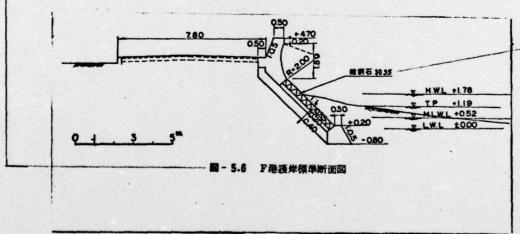
Photo 5.18 - Efflorescence Near Face Surface Ground Site

Photo 5.19 - Condition Near Face Spread Ground Site

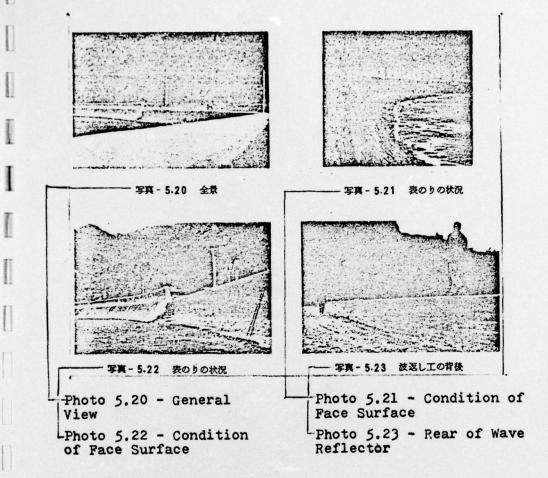
#### 6. "F" Harbor: Sea Wall

Sea wall located on the southeast side of Kii peninsula at the innermost site of an inlet; facing Kumano Nada and thus not exposed to direct wave action but believed to be exposed to heavy diffraction waves; road located to the rear and bottom of sea to the immediate front comprised of small rocks; water level crack at ground site caused by the sinking at 20 m section due to "kanchi" masonry, creating danger of erosion of filled earth and sand; repair plan including the raising of crown and the laying of front concretelayer adopted and scheduled to be implemented soon.



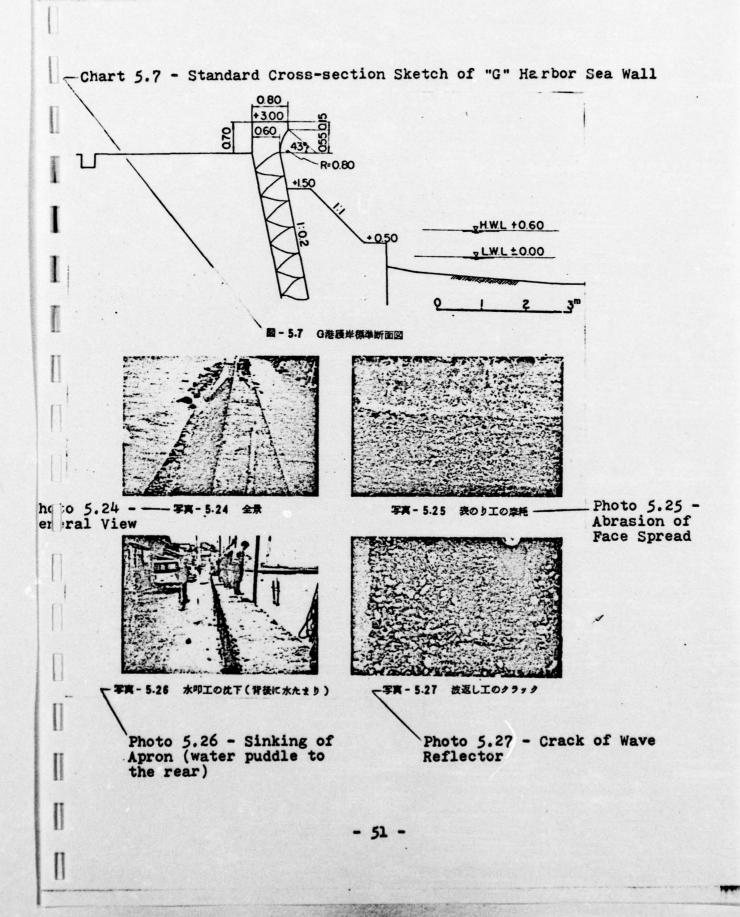


Mixed broken stone restraining [wall?]



#### 7. "G" Harbor: Sea Wall

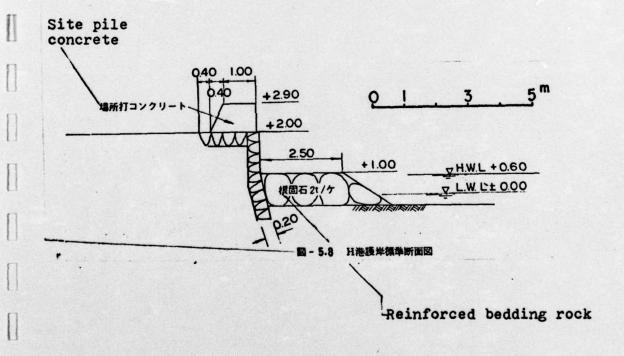
sea wall located near the eastern part of Noto peninsula; believed to be receiving heavy dosage of waves from Toyama Wan; roadway and dense farm homes located to the rear; constructed in 1930 with "kanchi" masonry, but lower section reinforced with concrete in 1950; severe exposure of structural materials due to concrete abrasion and rubbing between poorly mixed concrete and small front stones; wave reflector cracks per 10 m block but no sign of slippage due to sinking; masonry concrete at ground site peeled off but believed no erosion of fill from ground site nor rock losses.



#### 8. "H" Harbor: Sea Wall

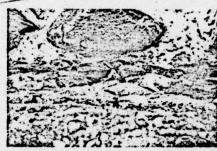
Sea wall located on west side of Noto peninsula; believed facing fairly heavy action of waves due to direct exposure to Japan Sea; part of a roadway and farmland and dense farm homes located to the rear; face spread, "kanchi" masonry; low wall height; wave deflector originally constructed of concrete but repaired with mortar for damage caused by exposure and inferior structural material but still peeling off; shifting of part of the reinforced bedding rocks observed; cave-ins of "kanchi" stones at two spots along the length of ground site due to use of "kanchi" masonry, indicating erosion of fills; no visible surface cave-in of apron observed; serious abrasion and structural material exposure of poorly mixed concrete wave deflector; very uneven crown top due to excessive use of roadway; backside of wave deflector seriously eroded by overtopping waves.

- Chart 5.8 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "H" Harbor Sea Wall





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- 写真 - 5.30 表のり工間知石の抜け出し

Photo 5.30 - Erosion of "Kanchi" Stones of Face Spread



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Photo 5.29 -

Abrasion of Wave Deflect

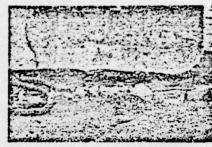
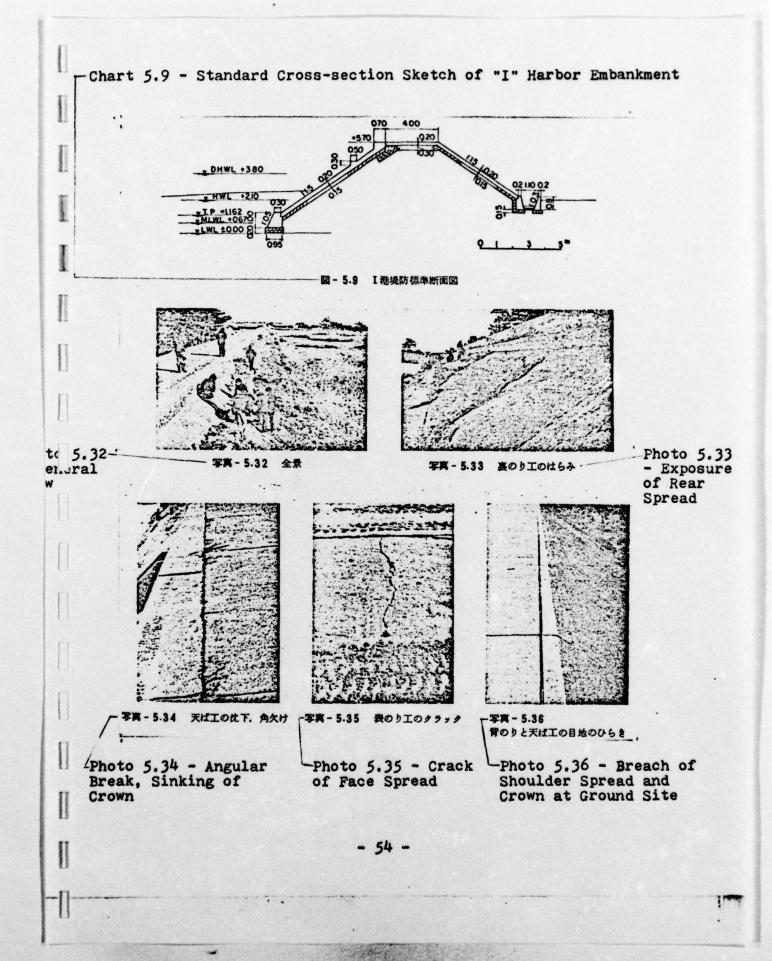


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-Photo 5.31 - Damage of Wave Deflector Joint

#### 9. "I" Harbor - Embankment

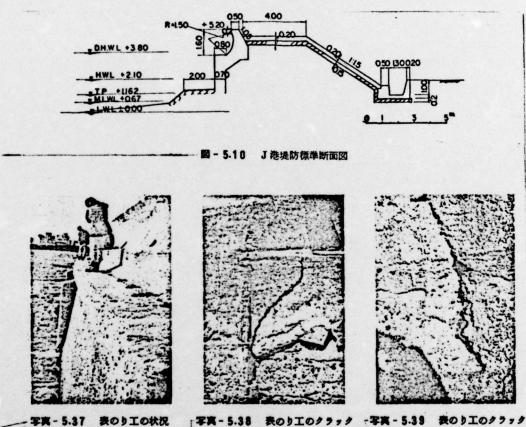
Embankment located on the west side of Ise Wan; about 200 m of front beach planted with reed, etc., indicating very little wave disturbance; road used by bathers, paddy fields, and farmland located to the rear; embankment constructed of three-layer concrete; face spread provided with small steps; ground site planted with mixed beach grass; structural materials exposed; crack observed in middle of a 10-m block; a 2-3 cm sinking observed in 20-m section of weak base of crown; corner and angular breaks in concrete and large crack in sectional direction; about a 3-cm breach in the berm of rear spread weak base.



#### 10. "J" Harbor: Embankment

Embankment located on the west side of Ise Wan; little wave disturbance observed but the corner and angular embankment location could mean fairly concentrated action of waves; factories and dense homes located to the rear; vertical front face of embankment, threelayer concrete, but serious abrasion with forward tilting in several spots; crack observed in face spread; about 1-cm sinking as well as slippage of wave deflector; observed abrasion, cracks, and sinking in crown used as roadway.

Chart 5.10 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "J" Embankment



of Face Spread

写真-5.38 表のり工のクラック -写真 - 5.39 表のり工のクラック Photo 5.37 - Condition -Photo 5.38 - Crack -Photo 5.39 - Crack of of Face Spread Face Spread



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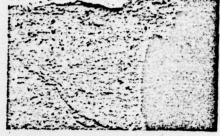


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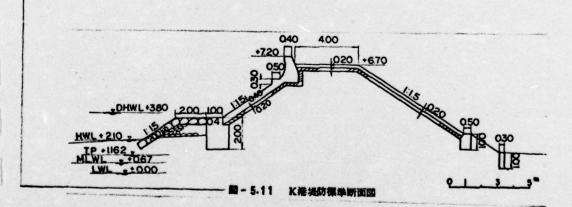
Photo 5.40 - Abrasion of Face Spread Concrete

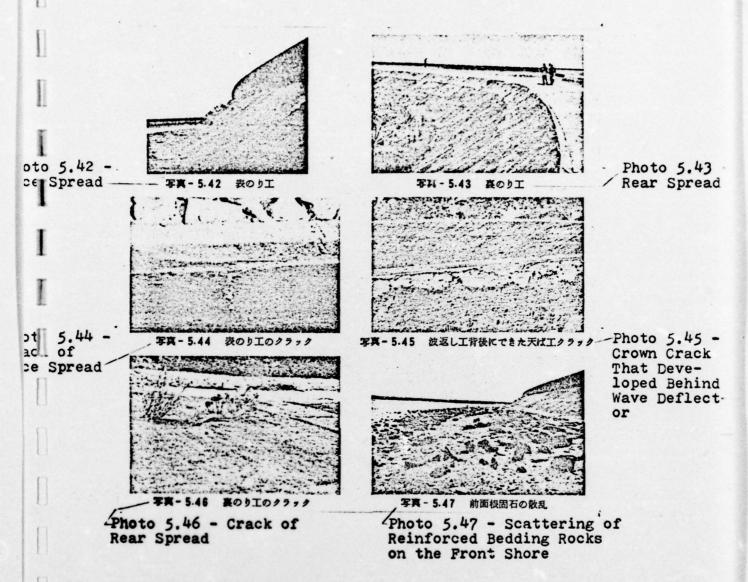
Photo 5.41 - Abrasion of Crown Crown

### 11. "K" Harbor: Embankment

Embankment located on the west side of Ise Wan; very little wave disturbance; racing boat docks located to the rear; embankment constructed of 3-layer concrete; relatively high embankment with rear spread standing about 5 m high; crack observed in face spread as well as rear spread; pitch of face and rear spreads, both about 3-5 m; both spreads, exposure in several places; sinking of crown, about 1 cm, and ground site, about 3 cm.

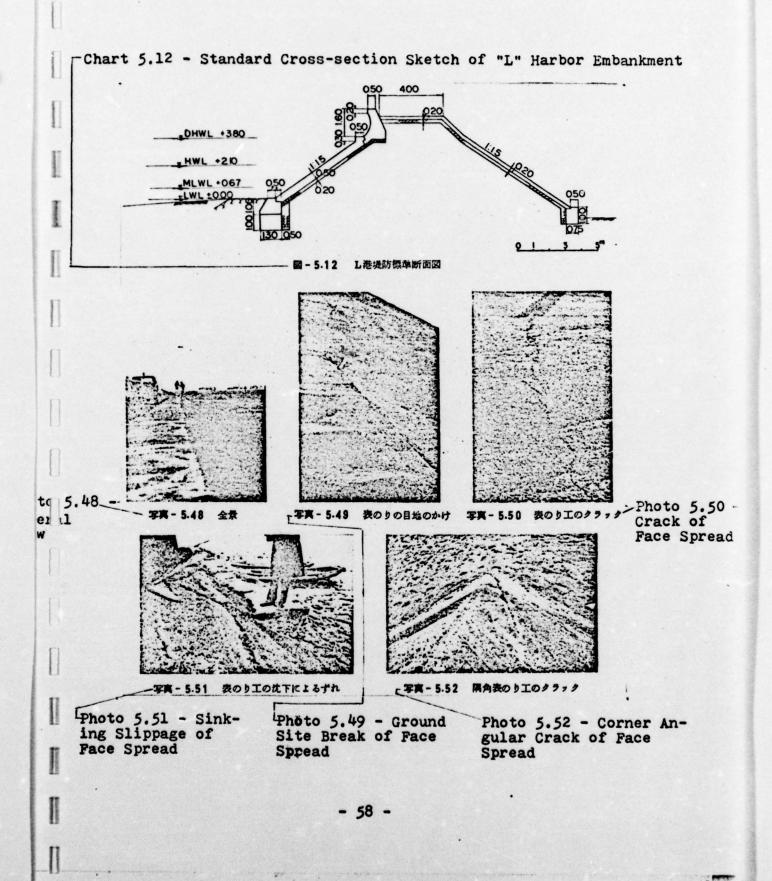
-Chart 5.11 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "K" Harbor Embankment





#### 12. "L" Harbor: Embankment

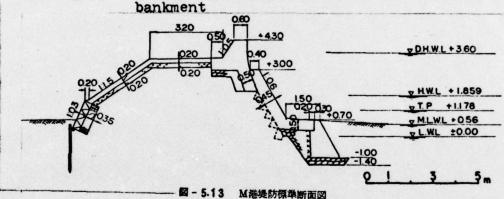
Embankment located on the southwest side of Ise Wan inside an inlet free of wave disturbance; water depth to the front, about 10 m; fish hatchery located to the rear; embankment whole front side, concrete covering; crown and rear spread, asphalt covering; cave-in of bedding anchor front part; ground site cave-in, about 8 cm; water level crack observed about 2 m below the upper part of embankment; wave deflector sinking, about 5 mm; several breaches in wave deflector due to poorly mixed concrete; no conspicuous changes observed for crown or rear spread.



## 13. "M" Harbor: Embankment

Embankment located on the southern part of Shima peninsula inside the inner part of a bay that is opened to the south; because of location, only little disturbance from waves; fissure in face spread; road used by bathers and pine forest located to the rear; embankment, a low profile three-layer embankment with sunken weak base but showing no conspicuous uneven sinking; crown crack along 5 m pitch; indications showing ground site breach in several places; crack in wave deflector along 5 m pitch due to its alternate location with face spread; sinking of crown with water puddles in several places; very heavy sinking on the side of the sea with crack along 2-3 m pitch; vulnerable spots believed to be from the time of construction noted in rear spread.

- Chart 5.13 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "M" Harbor Em-



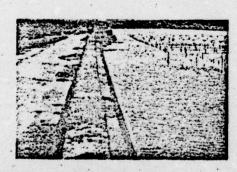
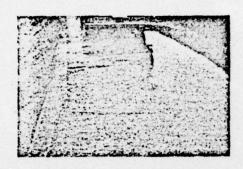


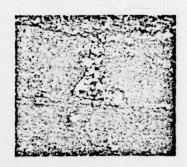
Photo 5.53 - General View



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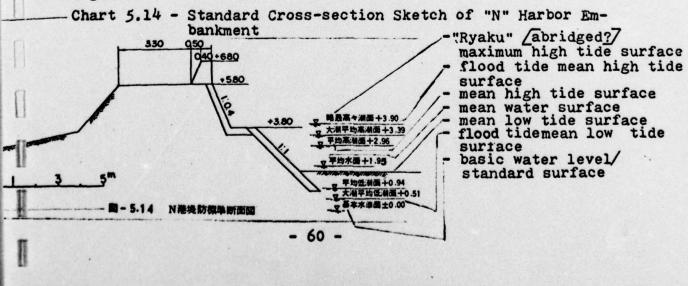
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Photo 5.56 - Crack of Rear
Spread

14. "N" Harbor: Embankment

Embankment located northeast of Minato facing the inner harbor; believe no exposure to wave action; inoperative salt field located to the rear; small steps for reinforced bedding section of face spread; rear spread planted with mixed grass; crack in sunken weak base; sinking fairly deep for border and angular portions of face spread; in 40 m section of reinforced bedding, poor mixing/compostion observed in a number of places; large vertical and horizontal cracks in small steps of reinforced bedding; observed slippage of 2 cm front and back, and vertically for wave deflector; normal right angle direction crack in center of a 10 m long block as well normal direction water level crack in border and angular area; crown sinking, about 4 cm; normal direction crack in crown; cavity more visible than hole in crown; rear spread stable with rich growth of mixed grass.





字页- 5.57 全录 Photo 5.57 - General View

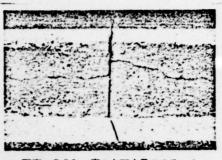
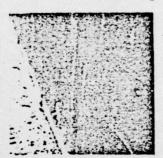
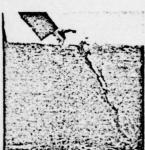


写真-5.58 表のり工小段のクラック -Photo 5.58 - Small Step Crack of Face Spread







- 写真 - 5.59 天ば工のクラック

/-写真 - 5.60 被返し工法線直角方向のずれ 放返し工の不等沈下によるクラック

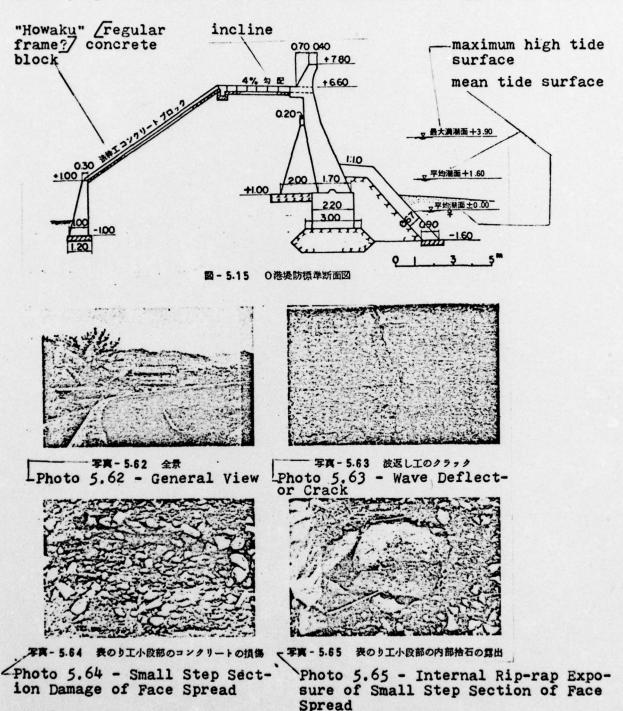
Photo 5.59 - Crown Crack

Photo 5.60 - Normal Right Angle Direction Slippage of Wave Deflector -Photo 5.61 - Crack from Uneven Settling of Wave Deflector

#### 15. "O" Harbor: Embankment

An embankment in a district [not defined] with its west side adjacent to a river; believed action of waves against it fairly strong; reclaimed embankment with farm homes, paddy fields, and farmland to the rear; steep incline face spread with angular break in lower part; structural materials exposed in many places; many normal direction cracks in reinforced bedding small step section of corner angle section; several large right angle direction cracks in upper part of face spread; wave deflector with a front and rear aberration of 3-4 cm and an oblique crack; crown laid with blocks but cracks in blocks and crown sinkage due to heavy traffic; observed a number of places in corner angle section that had been restored from disaster damages.

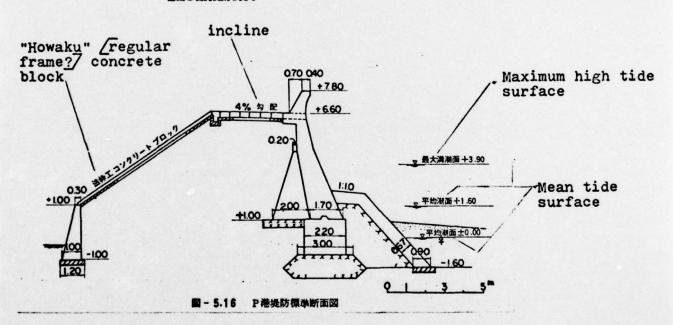
## Chart 5.15 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "O" Harbor Embankment

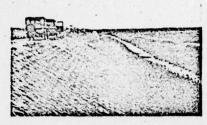


#### 16. "P" Harbor: Embankment

Embankment located adjacent to "0" harbor coastal embankment; structurally about the same; poorly mixed concrete of face spread very conspicuous; a hole measuring 0.5 m deep, 0.5 m wide, and 2.5 m long observed in small step section of reinforced bedding; a 0.3 m deep hole also visible in upper part of normal surface; large crack in parallel normal line of small step section of reinforced bedding; many cracks in small steps of indented section; 2 cm aberration, both front and back of wave deflector; vertical aberration of about 2 cm for corner angle section; crack in normal right angle direction; sinking and break in blocks laid on crown due to heavy traffic; portion of rear spread block layers exposed and indented in several places.

Chart 5.16 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "P" Harbor Embankment





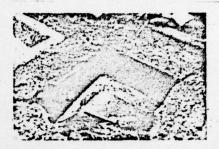


写真-5.66 裏のり工の状況 (天ば、裏のりの不陸)

写真-5.67 裏のり工の吸出しによるプロック陥没

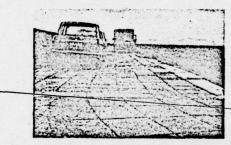
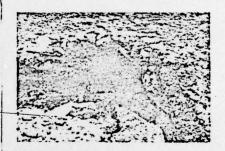


写真 - 5.68 天ばプロックの不陸



(写真-5.69 表のり小段部のコンクリートの損傷

Photo 5.68 - Soil Erosion Crown Blocks

Photo 5.69 - Damage of Small Step Section of Face Spread

Photo 5.66 - Condition of Rear Spread (soil erosion of crown and rear spread)

Photo 5.67 - Block Cave-in Due to Erosion [soil?] of Rear Spread

#### 17. "Q" Harbor: Embankment

Embankment located south of Suo Nada; believed wave disturbance to be very little; reclaimed embankment with paddy fields in the rear; exposed face spread structures but no change in normal line; wave reflector concrete shows wear but no change; normal line right angle crack in corner angle section; block crack and 20 cm sinking of crown blocks due to dump car traffic on crown; rich growing mixed grass on rear spread.

Chart 5.17 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "Q' Harbor Embankment +7.00 concrete block +600 70-1 05x 05 . H.W.L +3.45 -LWL -0.00 13.70 図-5.17 Q港堤防標準断面図 Photo 5.71 天成工の此下、プロックの割れ Photo 5.71 - Sinking, Block Crack of Crown 字真-5.70 全景 Photo 5.70 - General - 写真 - 5.73 被返し工の目地のかけ 写真 - 5.72 放返しコンクリートの摩耗, 沈下 Photo 5.73 - Wave Deflector Ground Site Break -Photo 5.72 - Abrasion, Sink-ing of Wave Deflector Concrete

#### 18. "R" Harbor: Sea Wall

Sea wall located north of Shima peninsula; mouth of the harbor opens into Ise Wan but sea wall located deep inside the harbor and thus, the occurrence of strong wave action appears fairly remote; busy trunk railroad line causing heavy traffic located to the immediate rear; vertical concrete parapet constructed along railroad line but its base adjacent to river mouth and thus relatively weak, causing uneven sinking of serious nature; a small pool located between sea wall and rear railroad line; large crack in concrete parapet as well as angular break caused by friction in several places; face spread; step concrete blocks but serious uneven sinking; about a 4-cm breach between face spread blocks and parapet; serious abrasion of tidal river? section concrete.

-Chart 5.18 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "R" Harbor Sea Wall

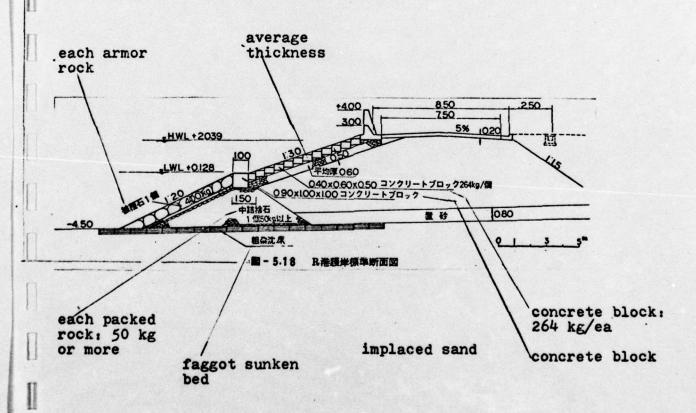


Photo 5.74 - General View (for showing the sinking condition)

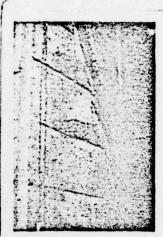


- 写真 - 5.74 全景(沈下のようすが明らか)

Photo 5.75 - Angular Photo 5.76 - Concrete Break of Parapet (ex- Crack of Corner Angle posure of ferro-con- Section crete)



- 写真 - 5.75 胸壁の目地の角欠け(鉄筋の露出)



一写真 - 5.76 隅角部のコンクリートの割れ

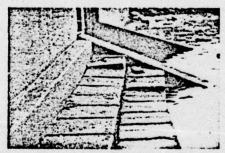


写真 - 5.77 前面の沈下状況

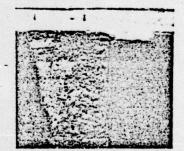


写真 - 5.78 胸壁上端のコンクリートのはがれ

Photo 5.77 - Sinking Condition of the Front

-Photo 5.78 - Erosion of Parapet Upper Portion Concrete

#### 19. "S" Harbor: Sea Wall

Sea wall located on the bank of Toyama Wan Bay in Noto peninsula and inside an inlet with the mouth facing to the south; not sufficient anti-wave provision provided and thus exposed to relatively constant wave action but from the appearance of the rear condition, the strength intensity of the wave action appears fairly mild; fisheries experiment station and farm homes located to the rear; sea wall, a vertical concrete structure; concrete wall installed on rock foundation, but now showing rupture at connecting points; innumerable cracks in wave deflector; constructed in 1937-1938 and shows poor mixture of concrete; portion of crown shows sinking of about 2 cm as well as cracks in several places.

-Chart 5.19 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "S" Harbor Sea

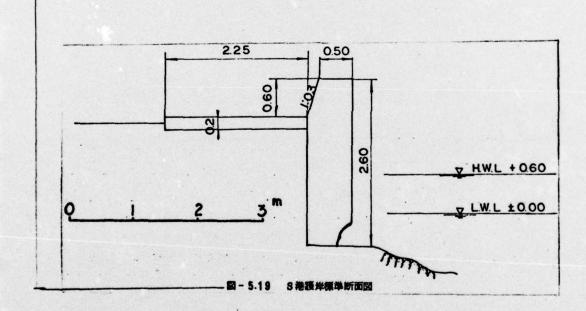




Photo 5.79 -General View



写真 - 5.80 波返し工の損傷

-Fhoto 5.80 -Lamage to Wave Leflector

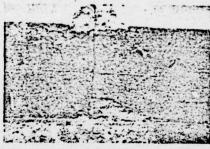


写真 - 5.81 被返し工目地の損傷、クラック

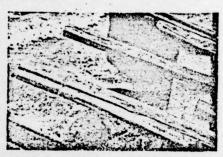


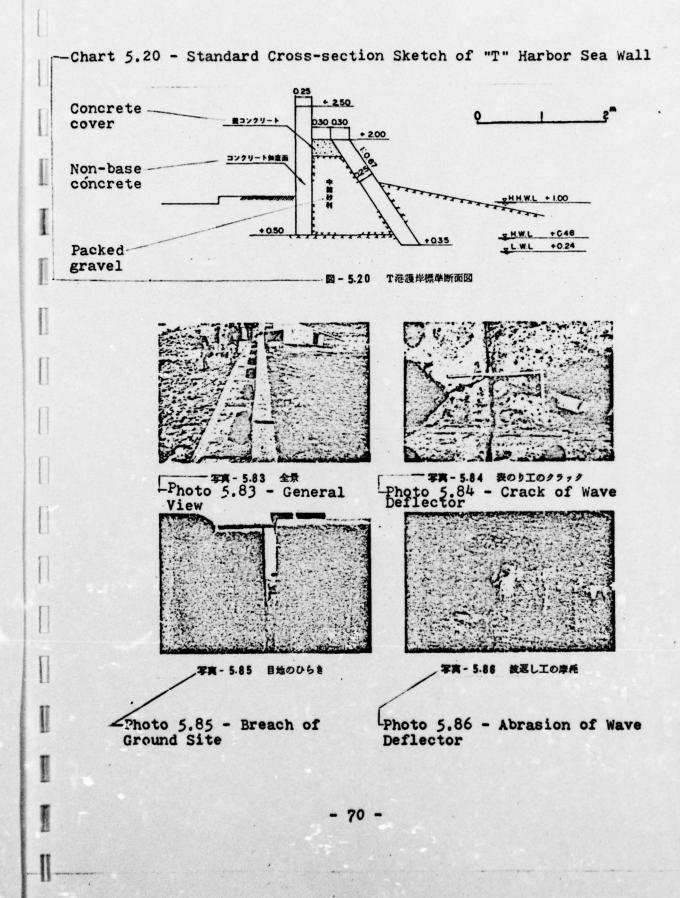
写真 - 5.82 岩盤との接続部の欠け

Photo 5.81 - Damage, Cracks of Wave Deflector Ground Site

Photo 5.82 - Breaks and Erosion of Connecting Part with Rock Foundation

#### 20. "T" Harbor: Sea Wall

Sea wall located near the eastern part of Toyama Wan (bay); believe relatively heavy wave action being encountered; front beach: relatively steep inclined rocky shore; farmland and farm homes located to the rear; known as Saito-type sea wall of non-base concrete constructed in 1958; normal line aberration of about 2.5 cm and a large breach of about 6.5 cm between ground site and adjoining armor; serious abrasion of concrete that shows vertical and horizontal cracks; about 20 cm on both sides, only remaining structures are embankments.

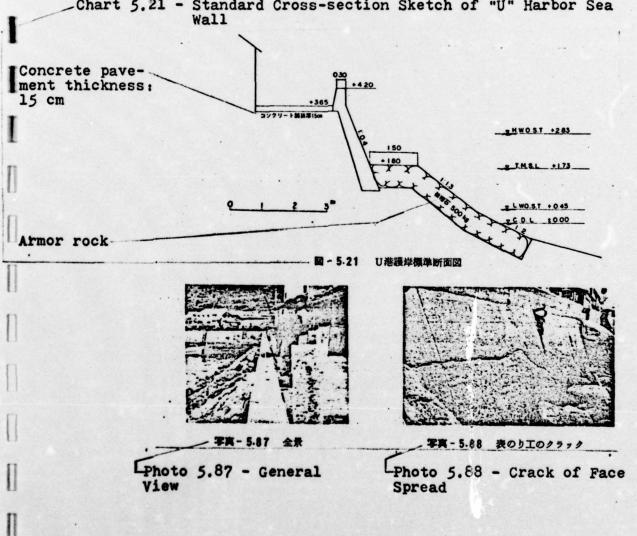


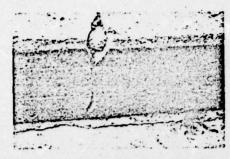
#### 21. "U" Harbor: Sea Wall

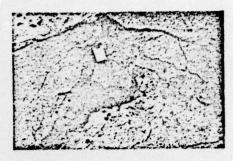
Sea wall facing Uchinoumi; believe not encountering any strong wave action; dense farm homes located to the rear; portion of reinforced bedding rocks scattering to endanger foundation by erosion; severe abrasion of lower part of concrete wall as well as extensive damages; normal line water level direction crack and right angle crack showing in concrete wall; crack along 7 cm pitch of wave deflector; 12 cm cave-in of apron to indicate possible erosion of fills; horizontal crack in parapet.

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\_Chart 5.21 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "U" Harbor Sea







--- 写真-5.89 被返し工のクラック、損傷 -Photo 5.89 - Crack, Damage of Wave Deflector

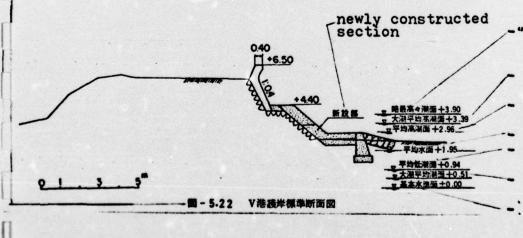
写真-5.90 水叩工の比下、損傷

Photo 5.90 - Sinking, Damage of Apron

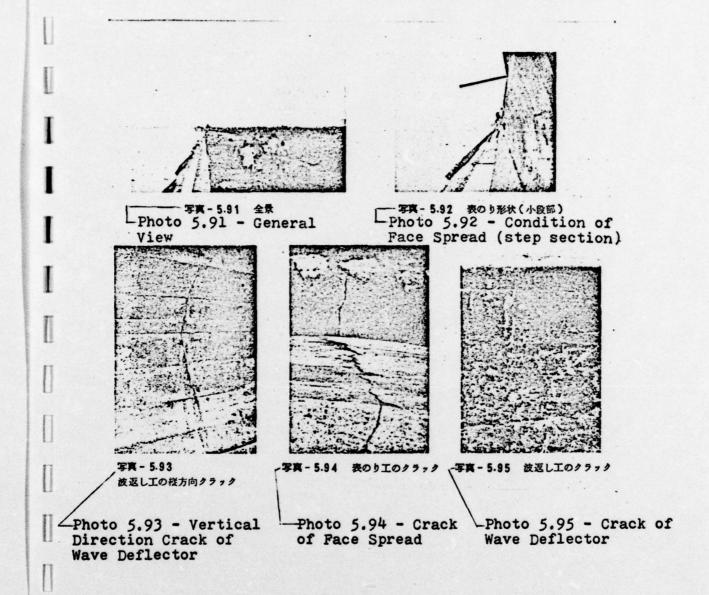
#### 22. "V" Harbor: Sea Wall

Harbor located in Uchinoumi; believe no action of wave against sea wall; paddy fields located to the rear; about 2 cm wide horizontal crack in mid-section of face spread; throughout the length of wave deflector, crack observed around the mid-section (about 7-8 m) of almost every 15-m block; no covering on aprons but no danger of erosion from overtopping waves and thus, could be left without any change.

-Chart 5.22 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "V" Harbor Sea Wall



"Ryaku" /abridged?/
maximum high
tide surface
flood tide mean
high tide surface
mean high tide
surface
mean water surface
mean low tide
surface
flood tide mean lo
tide surface
basic water level/
standard surface



#### 23. "W" Harbor: Sea Wall

Harbor facing Uchinoumi; sea wall constructed as an aqueduct sea wall between two reclaimed lands and thus, completely free of wave action; thermal power plant, factories, etc., located to the rear; constructed around 1929 and no abrasion observed on parapet due possibly to use of abundant concrete; normal line indentations visible in face spread as well as aberration to the front and back at the ground site, but these believed to be from the time of construction; a number of cracks and angular damage as well as exposure of tidal /river? section; observed meandering normal line (presumably from the time of construction) and soil erosion of wave deflector; about 4 cm aberration of both front and back of ground site; observed inclined crack of ground site; mixed grass growing on apron; about 50 cm deep, 1 m wide, and 2 m long cave-in in back part of parapet indicating erosion of fills.

Chart 5.23 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "W" Harbor Sea Wall

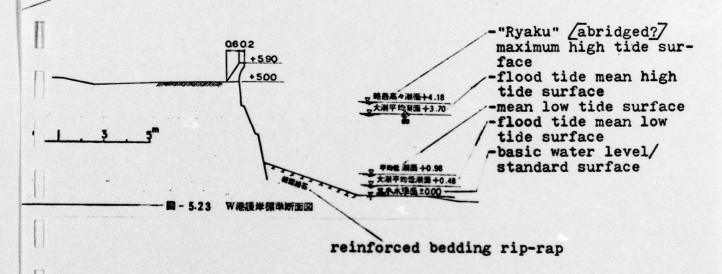


Photo 5.96 - General View (showing normal line indentation) -Photo 5.97 - Removal Photo 5.98 - Condi-of Wave Deflector for tion of Parapet Con-Repair Work crete Pile Joint 写真 - 5.98 改良工事のための波返し工の撤去 胸壁コンクリートの打継部の状況 写真-5.99 表のり工のクラック 写真 - 5.100 コンクリート断面(撤去されたコンクリ Photo 5.99 - Cracks Photo 5.100 - Concrete Crossof Face Spread Section (Eroded concrete)

#### 24. "X" Harbor: Sea Wall

Sea wall located in a harbor facing a bay that opens to the east /exact location not given/; since the location is a place where the waves converge, this sea wall is believed to be feeling the brunt of various wave actions; dense homes located to the rear; front side constructed of hollow triangular blocks and no change observed in face spread; exposure of ferro-concrete of wave deflector as well as rusting in several places noticed; crack observed in a 10 m block middle section; overall speaking, no sinking of any great degree observed; dissipation work conducted in the front side reduced overtopping waves to make the rear side fairly secure.

-Chart 5.24 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "X" Harbor Sea

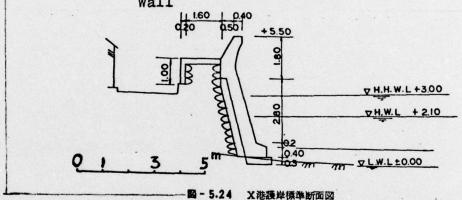
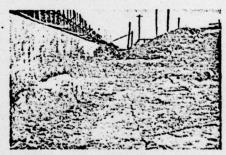




Photo 5.101 - General View

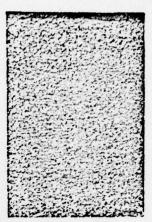


- 予第-5.102 水叩工のは下、クラック
- Photo 5.102 - Sinking, Cracking of Apron



写真 - 5.103 前面消波工の施工状況

Photo 5.103 - Wave Dissipation Work Scene for the Front Side



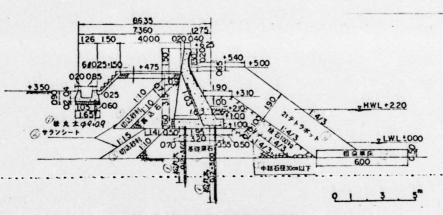
- 写真 - 5.104 波返し工背面のコンクリートの劣化

Photo 5.104 - Concrete Wasting on the Back Side of Wave De-flector

#### 25. "Y" Harbor: Sea Wall

A reclaimed site sea wall /exact location not given/ presumably exposed to strong action of waves; back area of sea wall used as a yard for storage, such as lumber, etc., for harbor and bay; front side constructed of tetra pod covering; a parapet sea wall of relatively high structure; no change observable in face spread; vertical soil erosion of about 8 mm in wave deflector; rusting and efflorescence of ferro-concrete; mid-section crack in 20 m long block; normal line direction water level crack in ground site; apparent apron breach with wave deflector and rear step type sand guard at ground site; normal line right angle direction crack in step section in one place.

-Chart 5.25 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "Y" Harbor Reclaimed Site Sea Wall



一 図 - 5.25 Y港坦立護岸標準断面図

Key:

1. Pine log
2. "SARAN SHITO" Saran sheet?7

gravel

4. Rock fill

5. Foundation pebble stones 6. Tetra pod

7. Rip-rap 8. Packed rock diameter: 30 cm or less 9. Single faggot bed

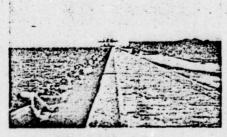


写真 - 5.105 全景

Photo 5.105 - General View

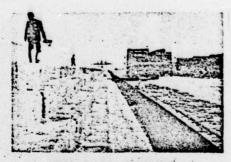


写真-5.106 背面階段部

Photo 5.106 - Rear View of Step Section

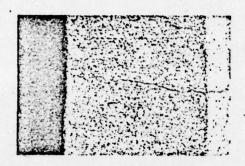


写真 - 5.107 放返し工のクラック(上面)

Photo 5.107 - Crack of Wave Deflector (upper surface)

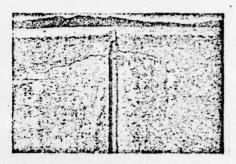
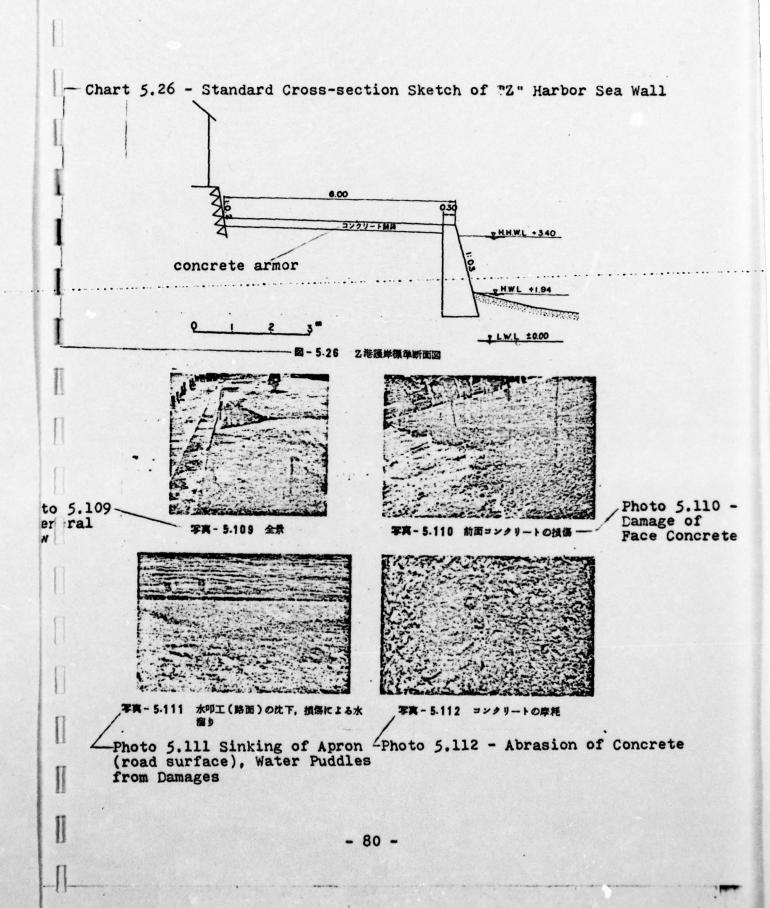


写真-5.108 被返し工のクラック(背面)

Photo 5.108 - Crack of Wave Deflector (back surface)

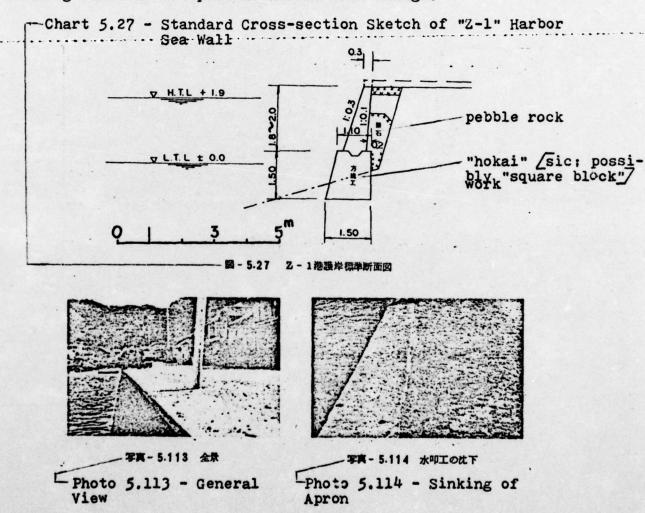
#### 26. "Z" Harbor: Sea Wall

Sea wall facing bay that opens to the east /exact location not given/; presumably exposed to strong wave action; old coastline extended to the very front of homes, but a road was constructed in front of these homes; this sea wall now serving as the wall for this road, but the waves are still reaching this road because no parapet has been constructed; at the present time, new sea wall is being constructed at this site; severe abrasion of lower part of concrete; exposure of structural parts as well as number of holes; part of the sea wall damaged by calamities already restored; two to three cracks in 8-m long block; holes and water puddles on road surface that shows 3-4 cm sinking; innumerable cracks visible.



### 27. "Z-1" Harbor: Sea Wall

Sea wall located in the innermost part of a harbor surrounded by small islands [exact location not given]; presumably not exposed to wave action of outside waters; serving as a road sea wall; not provided with a parapet because of neglible wave action; deep water in front of foundation but no fear of erosion from wave action; crack observed in 20-m long face spread block; normal direction crack in road surface asphalt about 3 m back of the 5 m sunken normal line; sinking of downward slope section, presumably caused by soil? erosion of foundation rather than by forward tilting or sliding since no conspicuous normal line change.



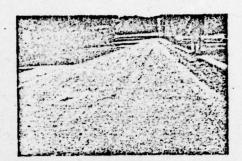


Photo 5.115 - Crack of Apron (road surface)(normal line)

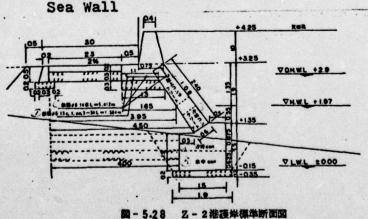
- 写真 - 5.116 水叩工 (路面)のクラック

-Photo 5.116 - Crack of Apron (road surface)

#### 28. "Z-2" Harbor: Sea Wall

A vanguard sea wall constructed on a reclaimed land /exact position not given; presumably exposed to action of waves because of its location; area in the rear; factory site; scattering of reinforced bedding rocks and serious abrasion of lower part concrete of face surface; holes and ruptures in face surface; big crack in foundation concrete; 5-8 mm aberration to both front and back of wave deflector; crack in 12-m long block near 3-5 m pitch; sinking of apron to develop water puddles and 20 cm cave-in section causing erosion of fills; breach, angular break, and innumerable cracks in ground site.

Chart 5.28 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of "Z-2" Harbor



### Key:

- Ferro-concrete
- Shore/above ground concrete
- Tidal hour concrete
- Waiting-for-the-tide concrete
- Underwater

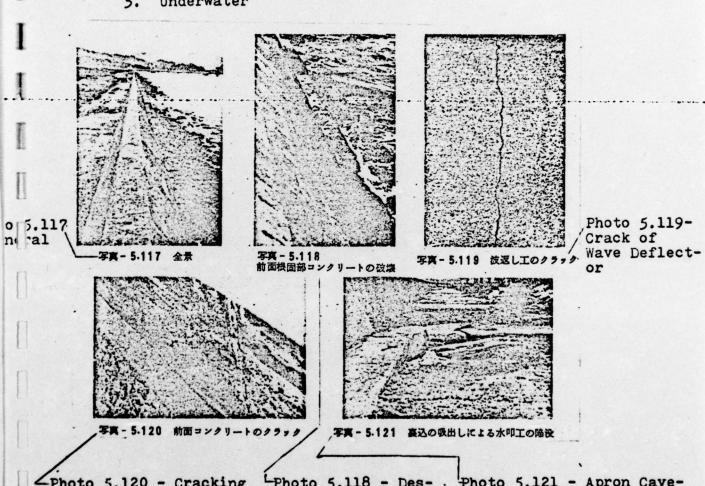


Photo 5.120 - Cracking of Face Concrete

Reinforced Bedding Concrete

Photo 5.118 - Des- Photo 5.121 - Apron Cave-truction of Front in From Erosion of Fills

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### Key for Tables 5.2 (1)(2)(3):

1. Embankment (masonry)

2. Sea Wall (masonry)

3. Type of Structure

4. Visible External Condition 5. Name/Symbol of Harbor

6. Foundation

7. Joint/Connection condition with rock foundation

8. Condition of reinforced bedding covered rocks

9. Condition of wave dissipation block

10. Erosion

11. No change

12. None

13. Shifting of pebble rocks

14. Partial shifting

15. Face Spread Armor

16. Exposure of normal line right angle direction

17. Cracking of normal line right angle direction

18. Cave-in of normal line right angle direction

19. "Kanchi" masonry

20. Partial bulging

21. Occurence observed

22. Angular break of material

23. Abrasion

24. Damage

25. Surface rusting 26. Abrasion great for tidal section

27. Some observed

28. Abrasion great, exposure of structural materials

29. Vertical breach of ground site

30. Angular break
31. Vertical aberration
32. Aberration inside surface

33. Exfoliation of manually

packed concrete

34. Exfoliation of manually packed concrete and subsequent drainage into the sea from ground site

35. Exfoliation of manually packed concrete (lower part)
36. For two places/positions

37. "Kanchi" rocks, one or two places

38. Some drainage observed

39. Probable existence of air/weep

40. Horizontal break of ground site

41. Extended horizontal opening in lower section (sinking)

42. Damage to pile joint of concrete and "Kanchi" block

43. Break between foundation and pile joint

44. Break between parapet and pile joint

45. About 2 cm water level break due to sinking of masonry section

46. Existence of opening

47. Normal line direction crack

48. Normal line right angle direction crack

49. Crack at ground site

50. Exists for one section

51. Water level crack

52. Wave reflector

53. Normal line indentation54. Soil erosion55. Bending (from the time of construction)

56. Angular break of material

57. Abrasion of material 58. Damage of material

59. Perimeter crack
60. Poor mixing
61. Forward tilting
62. Break/crack
63. Abrasion observed

64. Depth: 11 cm

65. Abrasion great

66. Exposure of structural materials

67. Surface rusting of materials

68. Efflorescence 69. Existence of efflorescence

### (Continued Key for Tables - 5.2(1)(2)(3))

- 70. Break at Ground Site
- 71. Vertical aberration of ground site
- 72. Front and back aberration of ground site
- 73. Normal line right angle direction crack
- 74. Normal line right angle direction water level crack
- 75. Hair crack every 3-5 m
- 76. 10 m pitch
- 77. Crack at one place
- 78. 5 m pitch 79. Observed in pile joint
- 80. Crown
- 81. Employed as road: 7 cm sinking of asphalt cover-
- 82. Drainage of rocks observed
- 83. Mixed grass
- 84. 4 cm sinking
- 85. Road [condition? unknown
- 86. Road asphalt covering
- 87. Observed cave-in(s) and unevenness
- 88. Crack, perimeter break
- 89. Unknown
- 90. Observed in corner angle section
- 91. Abrasion great; cave-in(s) observed
- 92. Break at work site
- 93. Angular break at work site
- 94. Vertical break at work
- 95. Aberration inside surface at work site
- 96. Unknown if earth and sand were eroded
- 97. Breach between wave deflector and ground site

- 98. Angular break of wave deflector
- 99. Vertical aberration of wave deflector
- 100. Breach with rear spread at the ground site
- 101. Erosion behind parapet
- 102. Angular break of rear spread
- 103. Vertical aberration of rear spread
- 104. Normal line direction crack
- 105. Normal line right angle direction crack
- 106. Per 3-5 m; span 10 m too long
- 107. Large crack observed in 3 places on total length of 230 m
- 108. Unknown because covered by earth and sand
- 109. Normal line right angle direction exposure
- 110. Crack exposure
- 111. Cave-in
- 112. Rear spread armor
- 113. Abundant growth of mixed
- 114. Soil erosion of shoulder
- 115. Breach with pile joint of bedding anchor
- 116. Embankment (concrete)
- 116a. Name (Symbol) of Harbor and District
  - 117. Partial forward tilting
- 118. Front aberration of bedding anchor
- 118a. Sinking observed
- 119. Corner angle section sinking; forward tilting, 2-3 cm
- 120. Great
- 121. Observed in edge/border section
- 122. Poorly mixed structural maerial exposure of 40-m long reinforced bedding

## (Continued Key for Tables 5.2 (1)(2)(3))

123:	Exposure of structural mat-
124.	terials of lower part
125.	Depth of reinforced bedding
	concrete: 50 cm (2.5 x 0.5cm)
126.	
	ural materials exposed
127.	Observed a very small break
128.	
	to be a break
129.	
130.	Observed at the mid-section
	(about 5 m) of the 10-m
	(about 5 m) of the 10-m span (total of 3 spans)
131.	Large crack observed
132.	Observed in 3-5 m pitch
133.	
	of 2 spans and 2 m below
	the upper section
134.	
135.	
	bedding section
136.	Caused level difference in
-,	Caused level difference in corner angle section
137.	Many in corner angle section
-51.	reinforced bedding
138.	
1,0.	section
139.	
- ) , .	ding concrete
140.	Crack
141.	Observed in a section of
141.	
142.	corner angle From the time of construct-
142.	ion
1112	
143.	
144.	
145.	1 cm sinking and aberration One section tattered due to
146.	
140	poor mixing
147.	Observed a 1.5 cm fissure

that appeared to be a break

148. Observed one spot that

2 cm

149. Observed in corner angle

appeared to be a break

section: aberration about

150. Observed in the 5 m pitch 151. Located near mid-section (4-5 m) of block 152. Incline crack 153. Observed in corner angle section 154. Observed a single crack in corner angle section 155. 2-3 cm sinking (in 20 m area) 156. 1-2 cm sinking 157. 0.5-1 cm sinking 158. Sinking on sea side great 159. Observed sinking of block covering (due to vehicle traffic) 160. Observed sinking of block covering (due to vehicle traffic) 161. Sinking due to dump /truck? traffic (20 cm) 162. Abrasion great 163. Some degree of abrasion 164. Crack due to vehicle traffic 165. Very severe block crack 166. Observed large crack 167. Found in almost all spans 168. Observed one in a 10 m span 169. Observed in 2-3 m pitch 170. Rather than a crown hole, appears to be air/weep hole 170a. ground site 170b. wave deflector 171. Observed =20 cm in the sluice section 172. Exposure from the time of construction 173. Part of block covering exposed (from the time of construction) 173a. Cave-in (from the time of construction) 174. Wasting 175. Small installed sheet 176.-Observed in a 10-m span (very long span)

# (Continued Key to Tables 5.2 (1)(2)(3))

	177.	Observed in 3-5 m pitch	199.	Large 2 cm crack in middle
	178.	Observed 10 m pitch be-		step section
0		low crown	200.	Observed in 2-3 places in
	179.	Sea Wall (Concrete)		8 m block
1.1	180.	Breach from erosion	201.	Observed one place in 20 m
	181.	Partial scattering		block
		Insufficient depth of	202.	Flat surface break: 5 cm
L		anchor		Front surface
	183.	Construction of "kuchu		3 cm forward tilting
1		sankaku" /literally, "air/		Observed uneven sinking
		aerial triangle/three cor-		Bending (from the time of
400		nor"7 structure underway		construction)
nation .	184.	Deep sea located in the	207.	2.5 cm aberration
		front, but no fear of bed-		Meandering (from the time of
1		ding erosion		construction)
	185.	Scattering/dispersion	209.	Sinking
	186.	0.5 [cm?] sinking		Tidal section abrasion, great
	187.	Meandering (from the time		Abrasion great.
		of construction)		Exposure and ferro-concrete
(1)	188.	Estimating from the rear	220.	rusting
		sinking, part of the ex-	213.	Ferro-concrete rusting and
E.3		posure presumably existed		efflorescence
		from the time of construct-	214.	Big crack near conveyor and
		ion		foundation
U	189.	Some degree of abrasion	215.	A number of vertical and
	190.	Lower part abrasion great	~	horizontal cracks
		Found in lower part.	217.	Located near the mid-section
		Exposure of structural	~	(7-8 m) of a 15 m block
		materials	218.	Back surface
	193.	Severe lower part abrasion		Crack located mid-section of
	-,,,	and development of expo-		a 10-m block
		sure hole of structural		Crack located mid-section of
		materials; new construct-		a 20-m block
		ion work underway to res-	221.	Crack located in 3-5 cm pitch
		tore part of damaged sect-		of a 12-m block
		ions.	222.	Road (asphalt sinking)
	194.	Reinforced bedding section		1-2 cm sinking
		abrasion great		12 cm cave-in
	195.	In disorder since the time		No covering
D	-,,,	of construction		No covering; mixed grass
	196.	Aberration in front and	T228.	Road
	-/-	rear (from the time of con-		Concrete covering: holes,
		struction)	/.	water puddles, and 3-4 cm
	197.	Large water level crack		sinking
11		Large crack	L227	Observed cave-in(s)
	-,	Zar Bo Graca		Occostica care anilo,

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230. Asphalt road
231. Normal line direction crack located 3 m back of normal line; sinking of descending slope on sea side

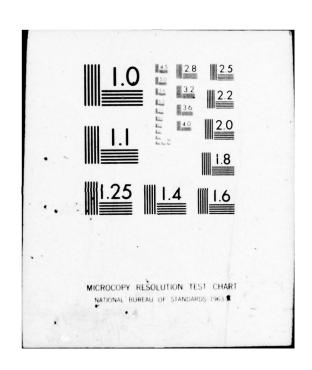
232. Sinking and water puddles; one section with 20 cm cave-in; erosion

233. Observed what appeared to be a break.

234. Observed one in a block 235. Observed two cracks in a block

236. Observed many cracks

237. A number found in a section



VI. Air/Weep Holes, Air Gaps, and Wasting Signs of Coastal Embankments

Changes such as cracks, ground aberrations, wasting of materials and structures, etc., that can be seen on embankments and sea walls are definite indicators of their wastings. Conversely, if these wastings are to be utilized as the indicators of their ultimate destruction (i.e., how strongly possible the destruction), how effectively and efficiently these changes are evaluated becomes a matter of great importance. Needless to say, the reliance on personnel experience and intuition to perform this task would be far from sufficient; it must be based on careful and thorough study and analysis of past disasters and practical testings of model cases.

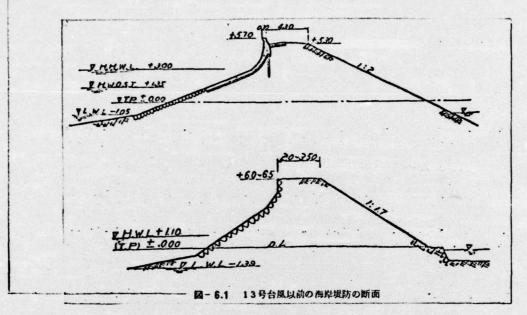
To better elaborate the points made above, let us take up a hypothetical case where a weep hole develops inside an embankment. Weep/air holes (also air gaps) are major causes of embankment breakdowns as discussed in the previous sections. A question sure to surface after the detection of this development would be: "Which one of the visible changes that had occurred should be employed as the basis to diagnose this development?" The answer to this question is not readily available at the present time.

In the study to gain better understanding of the above problem, i.e., the relationship between the visible changes that occur and the air/weep holes (also air gaps) that develop within embankments, we were fortunate enough to obtain access to the Air/Weep Holes Survey Results of the Aichi Prefectural Government. This report was an attachment to the Survey Report that was prepared in conjunction with the coastal embankment investigation that was conducted over a two-year period (1969 and 1970) to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Ise Wan typhoon disaster. The discussions to follow are based on the aforementioned attachment.

- A. Coastal Embankments of Aichi Prefecture and Summary of Coastal Embankment Survey
  - a. General Condition of Aichi Prefecture Coastal Embankments

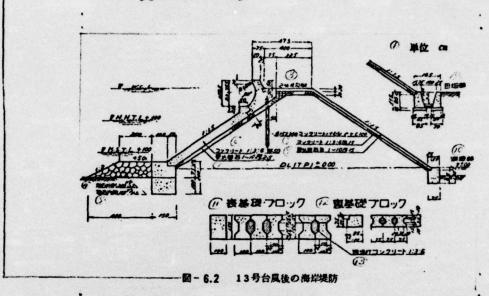
At the time Typhoon No 13 (1953) and Ise Wan typhoon (1959) struck Aichi prefecture, most of the prefectural embankments were solidly built structures. For examples, almost all crowns stood more than T.P.5 m, most structures were wide dimension structures, and almost all were provided with three-side reinforced coverings. Chart 6.1 shows the type of coastal embankments that existed in this prefecture before Typhoon 13.

- Chart 6.1 - Cross-section Sketch of Coastal Embankment Before Typhoon No 13



Typhoon No 13 that hit the coast of Aichi Prefecture not only destroyed but inflicted severe damages to the coastal embankments of many localities. Damages sustained in Mikawa Wan bay; same below were especially severe. In the restoration work undertaken, due care was given to protect the rear spread from the overtopping waves, waves that can erode the spread armor to cause, in turn, the erosion of embankment earth and sand to bring about the toppling of the whole embankment. The measure adopted was to install reinforced coverings to the three sides of an embankment. By the time of the Ise Wan typhoon strike, the installation of this covering to the face spread of almost all embankments in Koromoga Ura Wan and Mikawa Wan had been completed, and as a result, only slight damages were suffered by the embankments in these areas from this typhoon. Chart 6.2 shows the cross-section view of these embankments.

### Chart 6.2 - Cross-section View of Coastal Embankment After Typhoon No 13



### Key:

- 1. Unit: cm
- 2. Paddy field, farmland
- 3. One-sided slope: 2%
- 4. Rip-rap, ... one of two characters illegible; possibly, "exterior"/
- 5. Rip-rap, ... one of two characters illegible; possibly, "interior"
- 6. Concrete
- 7. Fill pebble rocks

- 8. Concrete
- 9. Fill pebble rocks
  10. "shio asobi bu" /literally
- "tidal play section"7
- 11. Face foundation block
- 12. Rear foundation block
- 13. Spot pile concrete

Because of inadequate improvement work undertaken, the coastal areas of Ise Wan which suffered only slight damage under Typhoon No 13 were hard hit by the Ise Wan typhoon. Almost all the embankments on the northern coastline of this bay were destroyed. The structural restoration of embankments that was carried out in the Ise Wan area after this hit conformed, for the most part, to the type of structure given in Chart 6.2. The height of the crown was

raised a little and the dimension of the structures was enlarged a little, however, to permit the whole embankment to better cope with flood tides. The renovation work that was conducted after the Ise Wan typhoon basically converted most of the embankments in the Ise Wan coastal area into relatively new sea wall type structures. Most of the coastal embankments in the Mikawa area are vertical type embankments that were constructed before the Ise Wan typhoon, but some have been renovated since that time.

1. Summary of Weep/Air Holes Survey Report on Aichi Coastal Embankments

The following are excerpts from the referenced attachment of the Aichi Prefectural Survey Report.

"A weep/air hole that develops inside an embankment but cannot be seen from the surface is a very dangerous development from the standpoint of embankment safety. This can develop into a very serious 'point' and thus, the decision was made to conduct embankment inspection along the whole coastline of the prefecture. After examining the various inspection methods that were available, the primary inspection method selected was the one calling for the digging of a hole (0.5m x 1.0m) through the normal concrete layer to directly check the condition of the embankment earth and sand, supplemented by the method of using a 'sono-timer' sonometer?, without removing the concrete armor, to check the diffusion time of elastic wave. The selection of the inspection sites was based on the following principles:

a. A site where the embankment cross section is an embankment type and where the foundation base was adjudged to be soft and weak.

b. Although the cross section may possibly be a sea wall type, a site where the rear area is occaried by homes, road, etc., and where the 'economic effectiveness is great' /not further elaborated and thus, a district or area subject to

'blistering.'

c. A site within each coastal district that will permit
the undertaking (1) of investigation of at least one or more
embankment that shows a surface crack in the normal concrete
armor and of at least one or more embankment that does not
show the aforementioned crack and (2) of study to determine
the relationship between the above two, in accordance with
the investigation mode outlined in Table 6.1

"Based on the principles described above, some 445 different sites were investigated. The result of the investigations showed that weep/air holes were found in only 27 sites, or about 6.1% of the total and that these were sites all located in the coastal area of Mikawa Wan. One of the reasons for the confinement of the weep hole discovery to the Mikawa Wan area embankments could be attributed to the fact that in the site selection process, a number of sites in the Ise Wan coastal area were eliminated because of the change in the functional requirements of embankments in this area brought about by expanding reclamation work. Information on the weep holes discovered at the 27 sites is provided in Table 6.1. The developmental causes for these weep holes, as studied and analyzed by the Nagoya Research Institute of Industrial Technology, were as follows:

a. Uneven sinking between the normal concrete armor and the embankment earth and sand caused by the sinking of the base from the weight of the embankment and development of air gaps from the compaction of embankment soil.

b. Erosion of embankment earth and sand caused by high and low tides and water action and development of weep holes

through natural erosion action.

c. Seepage of rain water, etc., into the embankment normal armor from its natural expansion and contraction phenomena causing the shift in embankment earth and sand to develop air gaps.

Of the 27 sites, 20 were categorized as those that fell under  $\underline{a}$  above, five under  $\underline{b}$  above, and two under  $\underline{c}$  above.

"In the on-the-spot investigations that were conducted, very minute air holes that were not as distinct a hole as those observed in the 27 sites were also detected in other sites. These, for the most part, were those very minute natural gaps that developed between the normally laid concrete armor and the embankment earth and sand in a two-layer armor structure of filled pebbles. Similar type of air gaps of 1-2 cm was also observed in structures where asphalt foundation had been constructed under the normal concrete spread. Though these 1-2 cm gaps do not strictly come under the accepted category of an air hole, they were widely observed in this investigation, particularly in those embankments that did not show any surface breaks, such as concrete cracks. They are not posing as an immediate threat to the embankments, but their development is a matter that will require attention in the future."

-Table 6.1 - Table on Survey Results of Weep/Air Holes and Air Gaps/Openings

*-	1	2018·	20 A.J. M. 4	# at W.	-64
24		E.) G	L (1-) (1-)	1. 1. 1.	PL 35

<b>②</b> 番号	空げき、空間の位置の	空付き・ 空間の保 さ (cm)	空げき・空洞の大きさ(推定)(四)		完成時 からの 沈下量 (cm)	勿触维状况	
1	<b>D</b> <sub>K</sub>	1	20	型 圧密または圧縮化下		N値10以下のCL層が9m推積している。(CL=粘性土)	
2	②表	50	0.02	建設当時より7 ②		軟弱な粘土層はない。(13)	
3	(i) &	1	1	堤体と地盤の圧密	•	N値6以下のゆるい砂層が8m程度あるが粘土層はない。	
.4-	<b>*</b>	3	50	地盤の圧密沈下し	2	N値0~1のCL層3.5m N値4のSF層3m(SF=砂質土)	
5	沙天鴻	10~15		地線の圧密沈下(②		N値7以上の固いCH層が15m存在する。	
6	②表	3-4	25	地盤の圧密沈下(タ)		6mのCH励is & (CH=粘土)②	
1	<b>S</b> =	2~3	. 30	地盤の圧密沈下,吸出し②		6mのCH層がある。23	
8	<b>F</b>	50	0.78	建設当時上り? ②		砂レキ層のみで軟弱粘土層はない。	
. 9	迎表	1		堤体の圧縮 ②		全体としては砂レキ層が発達している。 -10m付近にN値3のCH層が6mある。	
10	<b>D</b> **	1	600	提体の圧縮。役送水 による土の流出でも			
11	图表	3	260	堤体の圧縮 ②	13		
12	<b>⊕</b>		340	背面の盛土のスペリ 目地から水が入る。 27	16	N値0~1のCL階が5m, この層の 下にN値3程度のS.CL全層が5m ある。(S=砂)	
13	@ <sub>*</sub> .	2	1,300	•		N値0~1のCLMが5m, との層の 下にN値3程度のS.CL全層が5m ある。(S-砂)	
14	DE	2	.1,500				
15	@# .	30	2	東出し29		N値10~20の砂層が10mあり、その下にN値7~9の固いCH層がある。	
.16	D#	. 5	200	設造MC 16±の原田		軟弱を粘土層は全然ない。 ③②	
17.	Da -	5	600	•		教験を粘土層は全くない。(注)	
18	DE.	2~3	•	操体と地盤の圧組化	5	砂層かよび風化花崗岩層 (35)	
19	<b>心天端</b>	. 5	5,50	吸出し 2月)	A	N値10以上の砂レキ層が発達(3分)	
20	心失業	. , 8	550	•			
21	天编	5	•	媒体中の表表流による土の流出 35		砂層のみが発達している。 N値7の 砂層が4mあり、それより下はN値 20以上(ご	
22	少天体	5~15	15				

### (Continued Table 6.1)

面	空げき・空間の位置	空付き・ 空間の探 さ (cm)	空がき・空間の大きさ(推定)(一)	原 因	完成時 からの 大下量 (em)	⑦ 地 盤 株 祝
23	@ <sub>**</sub>	2	25	地盤の圧密化下(3	3	N値0のCL層が2m程度あり、その下はN値20以上の砂層(子)
24	天端	5	30	•		N値0~1のCL層が6~10m程度存在する。 ③
25	•	5	20			
26	<b>∅</b> **	3	15			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
. 27	3)	7	20			

### Key to Table 6.1:

1.	Site Num	ber			
2.	Location	of	Weep	Hole	or
	Air Gap				

- 3. Depth of Weep Hole or Air Gap
- 4. Size of Weep Hole or Air Gap (Estimate)(m2)
- 5. Cause
- 7. Condition of Base
- 8. Rear spread
- 9. Sinking from consolidation or compression
- 10. 9m sedimentation of CL layer of N-value 10 or below (CL= clayish/clayey soil)
- 11. Face spread
- 12. From the time of construction?
- 13. No weak and soft clay layer
- 14. Consolidation of embankment and base
- 15. There are about 8 m of loose sand layer of N-value 6 or lower but no clay layer.
- 16. Consolidation sinking of base

- 16a. Compression of embankment
- 17. 3.5m of CL layer of N-value
- 17a. 3m of SF layer of N-value 4 (SF=psammitic soil)
- 18. Crown edge
- 19. Consolidation sinking of base
- 6. Sinking Since Construction (cm) 20. There are 15 m of hard CH layer of N-value 7 or higher.
  - 21. There are 6m of CH layer. (CH=clay)
  - 22. Consolidation sinking of base; erosion
  - 23. There are 6 m of CH layer.
  - 24. Compression of embankment 25. Generally speaking, the
  - pebble layer is well developed.
  - 26. Compression of embankment; soil erosiom from water permeation
  - 27. Slippage of raised back ground: permeation of water from ground site
  - 28. There are 5 m of CL layer of N-value 0-1, and below this, 5m of complete S.CL layer of N-value 3 (S=sand)

### (Continued Key to Table 6.1)

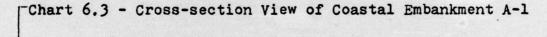
- 29. Erosion
- 30. There are 10 m of sand layer of N-value 10-20, and below this, hard CH layer of N-value 7-9.
- 31. Soil erosion from water permeation
- 32. Absolutely no soft or weak clay layer
- 33. Sand layer and efflorescence granite layer
- 34. Well-developed pebble layer of N-value 10 or higher

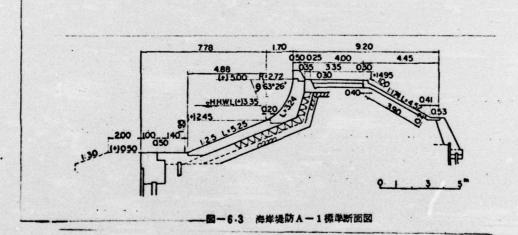
- 35. Soil erosion from permeation flow inside the embankment
- 36. Well-developed sand layer only; there are 4 m of sand layer of N-value 7; below this, N-value 20 or higher.
- 37. There are about 2 m of CL layer of N-value 0; below this, sand layer of N-value 20 or higher.
- 38. There are 6-10 m of CL layer of N-value 0-1.
- B. Coastal Survey to Clarify the Relationship Between Weep/ Air Holes and Air Gaps and Wasting Indicators

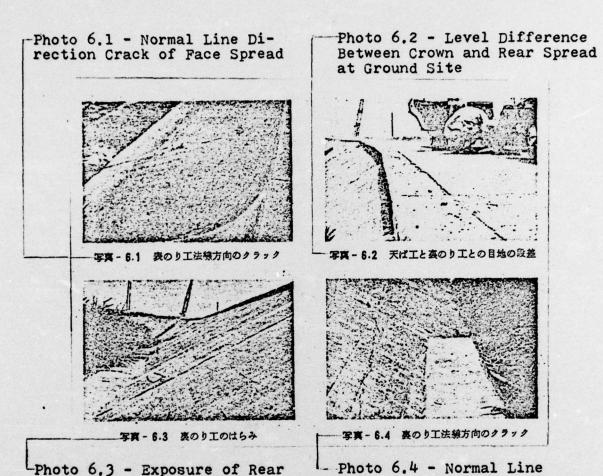
A very high reliability could be placed on the coastal embankment survey findings of Aichi prefecture since the method employed was to remove the covering to observe directly/vividly if there was or was not a weep hole or air gap inside an embankment. It was felt that if the visible embankment changes that have been observed in the on-the-spot survey that had been conducted could be correlated with the external conditions of the embankments where the weep holes and air gaps had been observed in Aichi prefecture, a better understanding of the relationship between the aforementioned observed changes and the weep holes and air gaps could be gained. For this reason, we sought and gained the permission of the Aichi prefectural authorities to conduct investigation of the embankments in this prefecture. The investigation covered 13 embankment sites including 8 of the aforementioned 27 sites where weep holes and air gaps had been observed. Chart 6.3 - 6.13 show cross-section views of the embankments investigated, Photo 6.1-6.51, investigation findings, and Table 6.2, external changes that were observed.

### a. Coastal Embankment A-1 (see Chart 6.3, Photo 6.1-6.4)

The embankment is located deep inside the Koromoga Ura Wan. way beyond the central wharf. Extensive reclamation work has been performed near the site to discount the possibility of serious wave action. It is a three-side concrete armor, masonry embankment that was constructed after the disastrous Typhoon No 13. The face spread showed an oblique and a horizontal direct line crack, the latter near the adjoining wave deflector ground site (presumbaly caused by the larger size difference of the parapet section as compared to the face spread armor), but they were relatively small-sized and unexposed cracks. The rear spread armor was exposed near the indentation of the shoulder (possibly due to poor construction) and showed a horizontal direction crack near the center and a crack near the tail end. According to the Aichi prefectural survey report, about a 1 cm gap was detected between the rear spread armor and the embankment core and it was assumed that this gap extended beneath the whole rear spread armor. Grout has been poured into this gap to fill up this air gap.





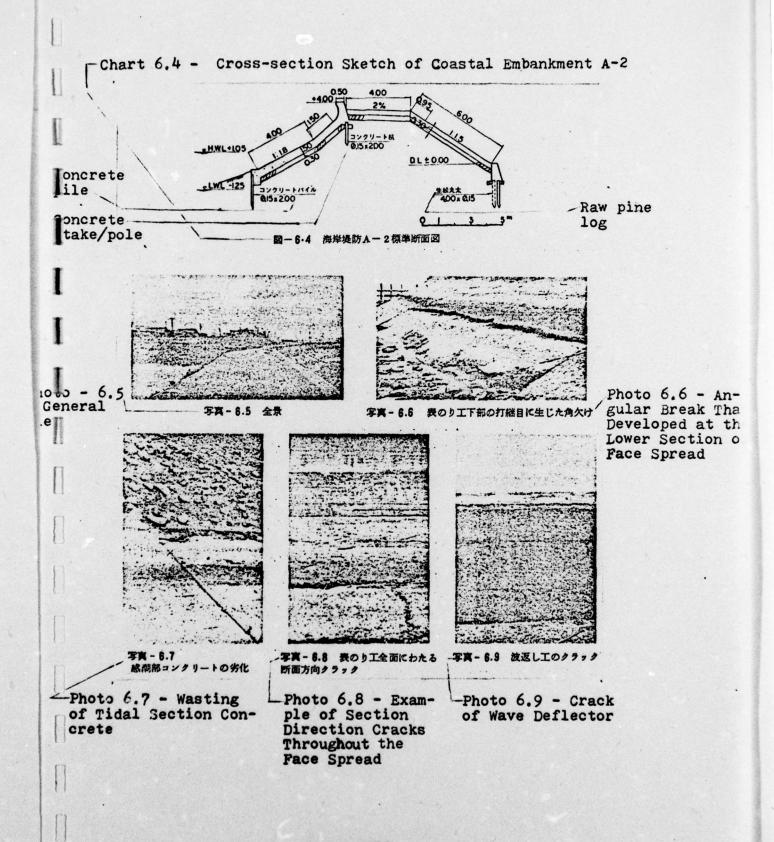


b. Coastal Embankment A-2 (see Chart 6.4, Photo 6.5-6.9)

Spread

This embankment is located inside the Koromoga Ura Wan but much farther in than embankment A-1, and thus, it is believed that the wave action it is encountering is neglible. From the exterior, it appears to be a solid structure, but the conjecture is that there are air gaps beneath the face and rear spread armors and for this reason, mortar pouring job has been scheduled. Visible outside changes that have been observed include, as shown in the photos, abrasion or angular break (believe this to be the result of poor material used) of face spread, face spread edge, and face spread center part, crack that extends from the face spread to the parapet, vertical aberration of rear spread armor at the vertical ground site, etc. According to the Aichi survey report, about a 3 cm gap has been observed in this embankment.

Direction Crack of Rear Spread



### c. Coastal Embankment A-3 (see Chart 6.5; Photo 6.10-6.13)

This embankment is located at the mouth of Yahagi Gawa with a beach to the front, but is encountering, it is believed, relatively heavy action of the waves. Both the face spread and the foundation steps are constructed of concrete and the front and rear spreads are provided with asphalt concrete coverings. In one section of the asphalt-concrete coverings, there is a crack, but no other deteriorations, such as exposure, cave-in, etc., were observed. Due to insufficient coverings, exposure of ferro-concretes was observed in the face spread armor and parapet sections. Sinking of the foundation steps was also noted. Reinforced bedding has been constructed of rip-rap concrete to fill up any air gaps.

Weep holes were observed near the bedding anchor as localized holes. These holes, it is believed, were caused by the shift in embankment soil from the permeation of rain water or from the change in the water level of the rear "shio asobi" / literally, "tidal play".

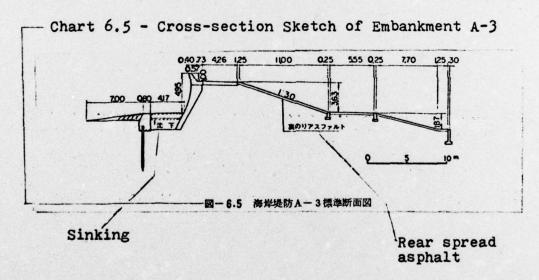


Photo 6.10 - Small Step Slab
Sinking of Reinforced Concrete
Section

Photo 6.11 - Exposure of Ferro-Concrete of Wave Deflector

FR-6.10 根固部の小及スラブの比下 - FR-6.11 被返し工の条件の選出

FR-6.12 真のりエ(フェファルトコンクリート状態) - FR-6.13 真のりエのチェック

Photo 6.12 - Rear Spread (Asphalt concrete covering) - Photo 6.13 - Crack of Rear Spread

### d. Coastal Embankment A-4 (see Chart 6.16, Photo 6.14)

This embankment faces the waterway that passes through Teratsu Harbor and thus, is not encountering any direct action of the waves. It was constructed atop an old masonry rip-rap after Ty-phoon No 13. The face spread is provided with small steps and is supported by reinforced bedding. The crown is covered with asphalt concrete. A concrete block cave-in was observed in the step section of the face spread; grass is growing at the ground site. The even slope rear spread is provided with a concrete armor, but a vertical aberration was observed at the vertical ground site. Grass is also growing at this site. The back is a "shio asobi" / tidal play? / area. The aforementioned Aichi survey report stated that a 1-cm air gap was found below the face spread armor.

-Chart 6.6 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of Coastal Embankment A-4

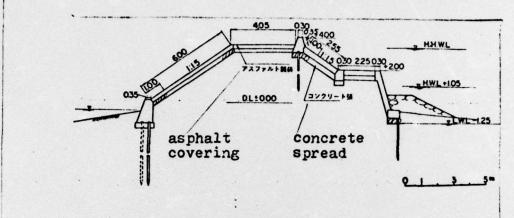


図-6.6 海岸堤防A-4標準断面図

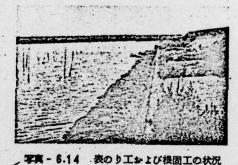
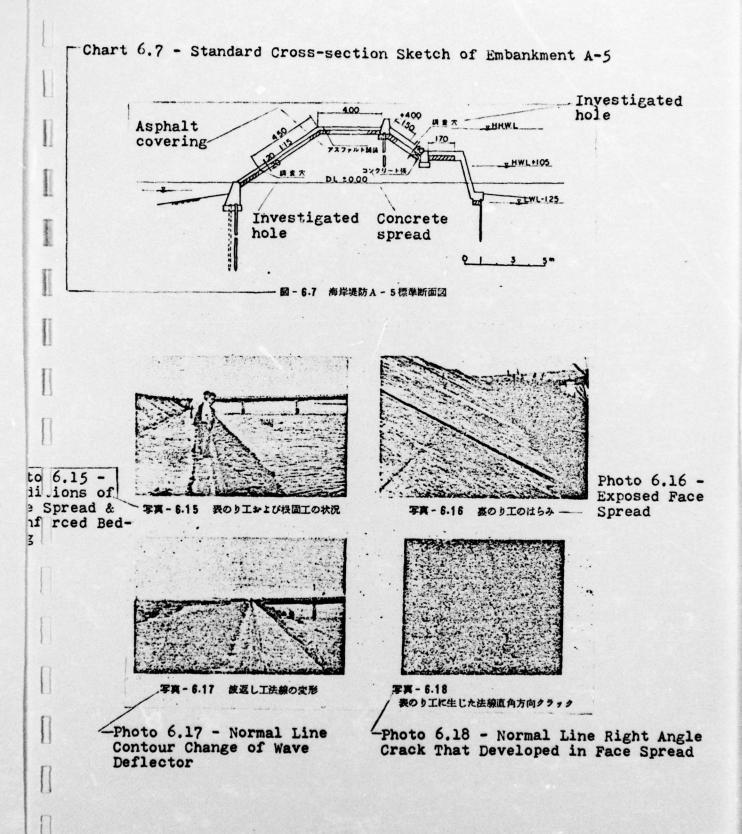


Photo 6.14 - Conditions of Face Spread and Reinforced Bedding

# e. Coastal Embankment A-5 (see Chart 6.7, Photo 6.15 - 6.18)

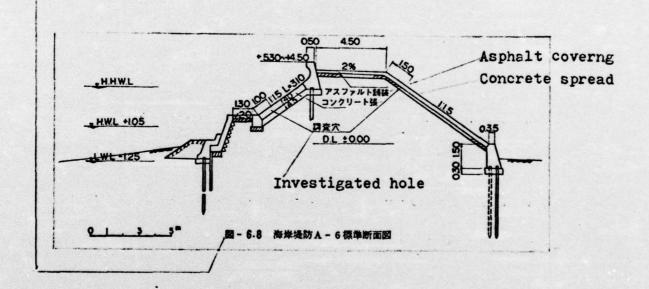
This embankment is located much farther inside than embankment A-4 and is constructed about the same as A-4, structurally. The concrete block of the upper step section of the face spread showed a cave-in (similar to A-4); a 5-cm or more vertical aberration of the vertical ground site was also observed. According to the Aichi survey report, about a 3-cm air gaps were observed beneath the face spread armor.



### f. Coastal Embankment A-6 (see Chart 6.8, Photo 6.19-6.22)

This embankment is located in an area pinched in by the water-way and Okuda: Nitta. No strong action of the waves, it is believed, is being faced by this embankment. The face spread is provided with small steps and the whole front is supported by reinforced bedding; external observation shows no unusual change in the whole face spread. The crown is covered with asphalt concrete and also shows no deterioration. The rear spread shows some exposure but is provided with concrete armor; few cracks were observed in the rear spread and a patch of growing grass was observed near its connection with the bedding anchor. According to the Aichi survey report, about a lcm air gap was observed beneath the face spread armor.

- Chart 6.8 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of Coastal Embankment



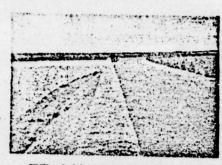
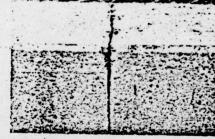






写真-6.20 裏のり工の法線直角方向のクラ

Photo 6.20 -Normal Right Angle Crack of Rear Spre



、写真 - 6.21 放返し工の目地の間隙(目地板が脱けたもの)

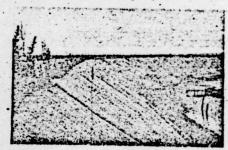
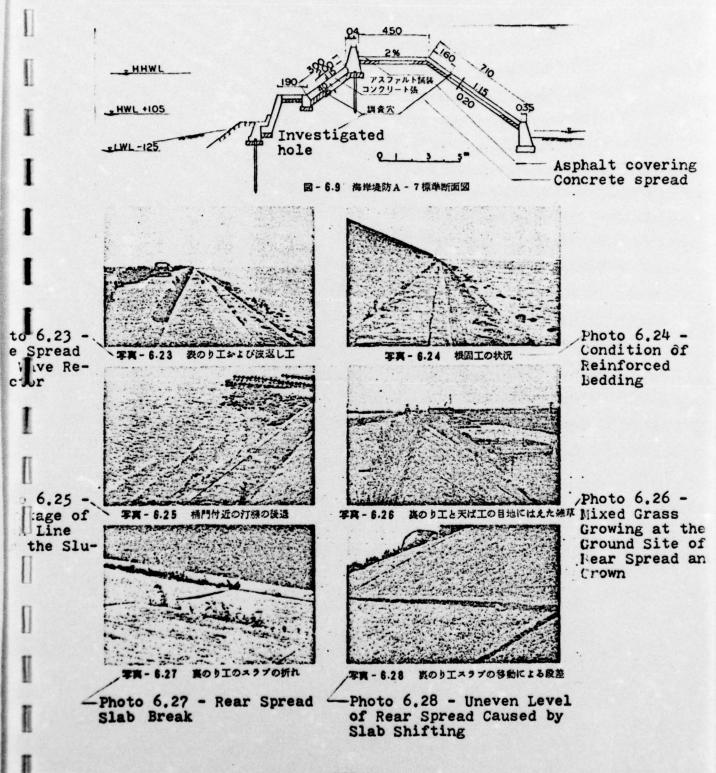


写真 - 6.22 奏のり工かよび根留主の状況

-Photo 6.21 - Opening at the Ground Site of Wave Deflector (breach of ground site block) -Photo 6.22 - Conditions of Rear Spread and Bedding Anchor

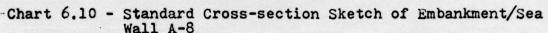
## g. Coastal Embankment A-7 (see Chart 6.9, Photo 6.23-6.28)

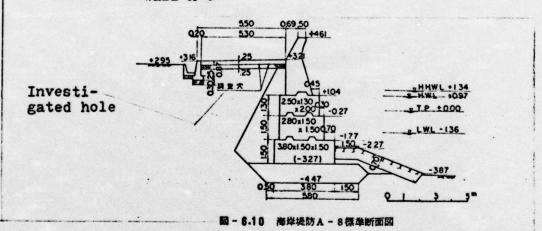
The cross-section of this embankment is almost the same as A-6 but this embankment has a concrete block cave-in block in the step section of the face spread and its reinforced bedding to the front showed scattering near the sluice. The latter development is believed to have been caused by the conversion of waves resulting from the breakwater located on the western side of the sluice. At the vertical and horizontal ground sites of the rear spread armor, big breaks and vertical aberrations were observed. Thick growing grass was observed near the pile joint of the bedding anchor as well on the crown. According to the Aichi survey report, a 2 cm air gap was observed beneath the face spread armor.

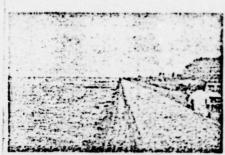


### h. Coastal Embankment A-8 (see Chart 6.10, Photo 6.29-6.32)

This is a 3-level sea wall structure with a parapet constructed on the top and a reclaimed ground to the rear. The apron was an asphalt-concrete covering that was employed as a roadway. This covering was removed because of 5-6 cm sinking and a big air hole was discovered below. It was assumed that the cause for this development was the soil erosion from the ground site of the front block. The discovery led to the removal of the whole covering to repack the soil below and to recover the whole blocks with concrete reinforced by use of cords. A year after this renovation work, however, the reinforced coverings with cord began to chip off, leading to the sinking of the coverings. Present plan calls for the placement of sheet pilings to correct the above situation. The reinforced bedding to the front appears to be in good condition, showing no shifting of any kind despite the fact that it has been in existence for about 10 years since its construction.







波返し工と表のり工の状況

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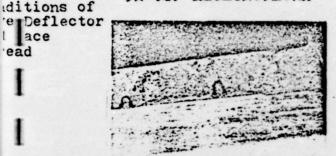
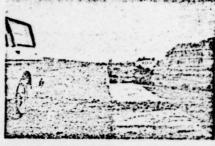


写真 - 6.31 護岸前面かよび根固工の状況

Photo 6.31 - Conditions of Front of Sea Wall and Reinforced Bedding



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Photo 6.30 -

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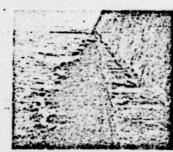
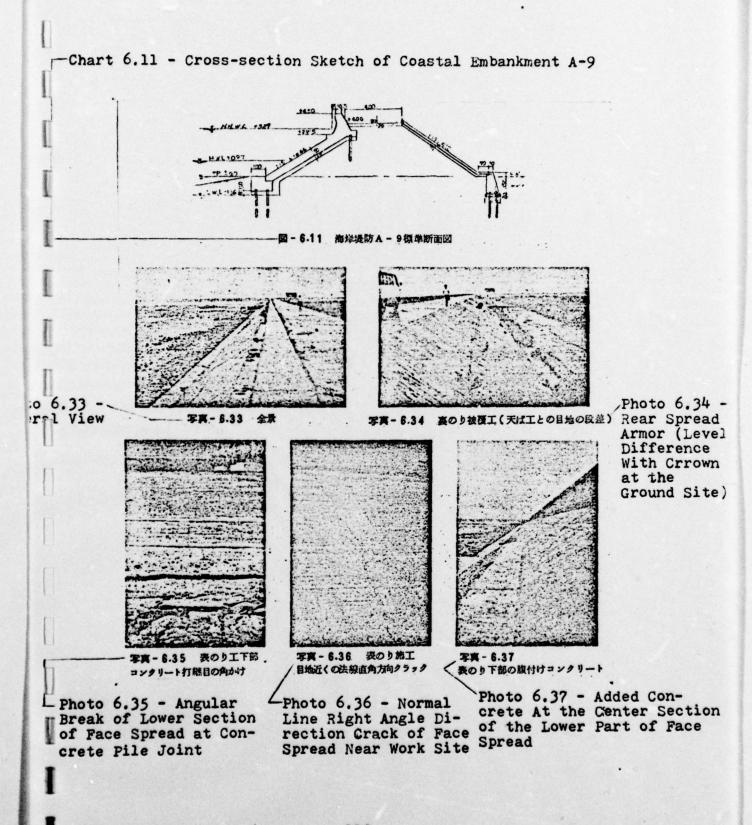


写真 - 6.32 表のり下部の鉄筋の舞出

-Photo 6.32 - Exposed Ferro-concrete of Lower Section of Face Spread

Coastal Embankment A-9 (see Chart 6.11, Photo 6.33-6.37)

This embankment is located deep inside the Mikawa Wan in a location where the terrain serves as a barrier against any serious action of the waves. Extensive reclamation work is being undertaken to the front to indicate that in due course of time, this embankment will be facing quiet sea water to the front. Almost no deterioration was observed in the originally constructed reinforced bedding. The face spread armor; however, did show a horizontal direction concrete abrasion near the end of the armor as well as angular breaks and cracks (part of the larger cracks of the spread have been repaired by concrete mending). The rear spread armor also showed a break at the vertical ground site and at the pile joint of the bedding anchor and an erosion of the soil at the shoulder; a number of cracks were also observed in the rear spread. This embankment was not listed as one of the weep-hole sites in the Aichi survey report, but was a suspect site. For this reason, grout pouring work has been carried out so far.



### j. Coastal Embankment A-10 (see Chart 6.12, Photo 6.38-6.43)

This is a three-side concrete armor embankment that was constructed over a foundation that a masonry embankment stood before it was destroyed by Typhoon No 13. With the exception of few cracks, the face spread appears almost the same since its completion, but a soil erosion near the shoulder, breach with the bedding anchor near the pile joint, and a crack near the center armor were observed in the rear spread.

-Chart 6.12 - Standard Cross-section Sketch of Coastal Embankment A-10

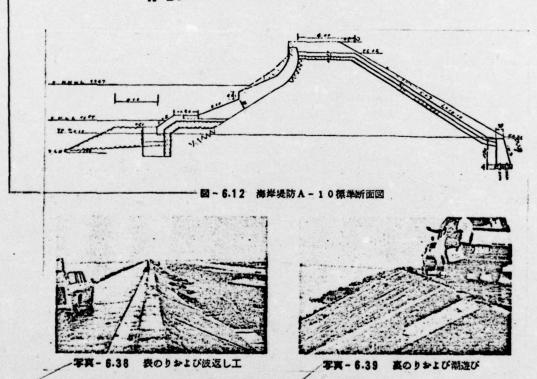


Photo 6.38 - Face Spread and - Photo 6.39 - Rear Spread and Wave Reflector

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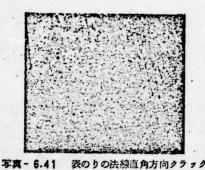


Photo 6.41 -Normal Line Right Angle Crack of Face Spread



写真 - 6.42 天ば工の沈下による段差



-Photo 6.42 - Level Difference -Photo 6.43 - Man-hole of Crown Caused by Sinking of Crown

Coastal Embankment A-11 (see Chart 6.13, Photo 6.44-6.48)

This embankment is located outside the breakwater of Koromoga Ura The designed tide grade after the Ise Wan typhoon was + 7.50, but at the time of strong waves, the waves splashed over the crown. The front sand did show seasonal type of movements, but there appeared,

however, no loss of the sand.

Angular breaks and abrasion were observed in the face spread armor near the work site, but concrete repair work had been performed on severe breaks. Generally speaking, the mixture of concrete seemed rather poor, but except for the above deteriorations, no other serious breakdown was noted. Because of fairly high back base, the rear spread profile was very low in comparison. The rear spread showed some exposure but no crack or unusual change. In the Aichi survey, no weep hole or air gap was found, but spread concrete had been employed to repair the upper part of the face spread where many cracks had developed, and grout for the lower part. This embankment was restored after Typhoon No 13 and its face spread armor is only about 30 cm thick.

-Chart 6.13. - Standard Cross-section Sketch of Coastal Emgankment A-11 図-6.13 海岸堤防A-11標準断面図 全景(腹付けコンクリート) 写真 - 6.45 表のり下部のコンクリート打機目の角欠けーPhoto 6.45 t 6.44 -Angular e al View Break of paired Concrete Pil -section Joint of ic ete) Lower Sectio of Face Spread 写真-6.47 被返し工 写真 - 6.48 表のり下部の目地部の角欠け 裏のり被覆コンクリートの摩耗 の目地の不陸と表面の摩耗 -Photo 6.47 - Sur-Photo 6.48 - Concrete Photo 6.46 - Angular Abrasion of Rear Spread Break of Face Spread face Abrasion and Armor Lower Section at Soil Erosion at Ground Site Ground Site of Wave Deflector - 115 -

Table 6.2 - Wasting Indicators Observed in Aichi Prefecture Coastal Embankmen

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#### Key to Table 6.2:

1. Coastal Embankment

2. Year Constructed

Changes Observed Externally

4. Front Side: S 34-38 Note: "S" refers to Showa; thus to get the year, add 25; e.g., S 34-38=34+25 and 38+25 or 1959-1963; same below and across the column/

5. Back side: S 36-38

6. Additional repair in midsection

7. Foundation

8. Condition of reinforced bedding rip-rap

9. Erosion of blocks from wave action

10. Erosion

11. None (within inner Koromoga Ura Wan)

12. Partial dispersion/scattering

 None (inside the Wan/bay)
 Good (rip-rap and concrete pieces)

15. No dispersion/scattering

16. None

17. Reinforced bedding shift in sluice section

18. No scattering/dispersion (since 10 years ago when first constructed)

19. Face spread armor

20. Normal line exposure of face spread

21. Normal line right angle direction exposure

22. Normal line right angle direction crack exposure

23. Normal line right angle direction cave-in

24. Angular break of face spread material

25. Abrasion

26. Damage

27. Surface rusting

28. Break in face spread at the ground site

29. Angular break of face spread at the ground site

30. Vertical aberration of face spread at the ground site

31. Internal surface aberration of face spread at the ground site 32. Break of horizontal ground site

33. Angular break

34. Vertical aberration

35. Internal surface aberration

36. Break at pile joint of foundation

37. Angular break at the pile joint of foundation

38. Vertical aberration at the pile joint of foundation

39. Break of pile joint of parapet

40. Angular break of the pile joint of parapet

41. Aberration of the pile joint of parapet

42. Normal line direction crack

43. Normal line right angle direction crack

44. Found in one section

45. Observed/found

46. Break

47. Ground site

48. Unknown

49. Crack

50. Along the work site of parapet; also corner angle section

51. About 3-5 pitch, top to bottom

52. Angular break of ground site 53. Found/observed (insufficient

covering to expose the ferroconcrete)

54. About 5 cm

55. Found (foundation work)

56. Rip-rap concrete 57. Danger of erosion

58. No horizontal ground site

59. Some grass growing

60. Found (9 sites/entire length) 61. Found (12 sites/entire length)

62. Found (lcm; weak)

63. Found (concrete wasting of reinforced bedding section

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crack)

64. Break; cave-in 90. Found (15 cm ground site block 64a. Found (8 sites/entire length) with + 0.3 cm) 65. A weep hole was found behind 91. Found (3-5 cm pitch) the back of the block-type 92. Found (3 cm) 93. Found (0.2-0.3 cm break besea wall and as a result, the area was sealed with concrete, tween cracks) making survey difficult; gen-94. None (poor mixture of concrete?7)
95. Found (5 m pitch) eral situation unknown and no unuusual development observed at the present time. 96. Found (in the connecting sect-66. Found (Normal line level ion with face spread) drain situation near the 97. Crown armor/covering end of face spread) 98. Soil erosion of crown 67. None - depth: 15 cm 99. Angular break of materials 68. None - width: 10 cm 100. Break at the work site 101. Break with wave deflector at the 69. None - length: 6 cm 70. Found (end section of face work site spread) 102. Break with rear spread at the 71. Found (very little) work site 72. Found (portion of structural 103. None (due to rear spread sinkmaterials exposed) ing or from the very beginning) 73. Found (near horizontal ground 104. Asphalt covering site) 105. Asphalt-concrete covering 74. Found (center of span) 106. In anticipation of sinking at 75. Wave deflector the time of construction, the 76. Indentation of normal line covering was laid 1-2 cm higher. 77. Angular break of materials 107. Fairly large grass growing area. 108. Found (1 cm) 78. Abrasion of materials 79. Damage to materials 109. Found (one section) 80. Surface rusting of materials 110. Found (8-10 cm) 81. Break at the ground site 111. Found (3 cm) 82. Vertical aberration of ground 112. Rear spread armor 113. Normal line direction exposure site 83. Front and back aberration of of rear spread ground site 114. Normal line right angle "ho-84. Normal line right angle dishutsu no shiyorami dashi" ∠sic; "exposure from released rection water level/standard tidal 'rami' (sic)" crack 85. None (slight soil erosion) 115. Normal line right angle di-86. 0.5-0.7 cm level aberration rection crack exposure 87. None (crack connected from 116. Normal line right angle diwave deflector to face spread) rection cave-in 117. Soil erosion of shoulder 88. Found (poorly mixed concrete) 89. Found (connected to face spread

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118. Surface rusting
                                     152. Weep Holes Survey Results
119. Break at vertical ground
                                           of Aichi Prefecture
                                     153. Location of Weep Holes/Air
     site
120. Angular break at ground site
                                           Gaps
121. Vertical aberration at ground 154. Rear spread
                                     155. Face spread
     site
122. Internal surface aberration
                                     156. Crown
     of ground site
                                     157. No weep hole investigation
                                           was conducted, but fearful of
123. Break at horizontal ground
                                           the existence of weep holes and
     site
124. Break with pile joint of
                                           air gaps, mortar injection was
     bedding anchor
                                           carried out and foundation was
125. Crack (normal line direction)
                                           reinforced with concrete work.
126. (Normal line right angle
                                     158. No investigation conducted
                                     159. Depth: cm x size (m2)
     direction)
127. None (Sinking of rear spread) 160: Cause
128. Connected
                                     161. Consolidation
129. Just a little: 0.5 cm
                                     162. Cause by erosion
130. A few in one section
                                     163. Embankment soil texture
131. Found in 15 sites (whole
                                     164. Pebbles mixed with earth and
     length)
                                           sand
                                     165. Sand
132. About 3-5 cm in the curve
     section; pitch length lm
                                     166. Mountain soil
                                     167. Sandy soil
133. Found (24 sites/whole length) 168. Soil texture to the front
134. Found - 5 cm
                                     169. River to the front
135. Found (grass growing)
136. Found (12 sites/whole length)
                                     170. Sandy soil (river to the
                                           front)
137. Found (only slight exposure)
                                     171. Crack situation of surround-
138. None (some grass growing)
                                           ing area
139. Vertical ground site
                                     172. Very little
140. Horizontal ground site
                                     173. None
141. Found (1-2 cm pitch)
142. Found (only slightly)
143. Found (8-10 cm)
144. Found (grass growing)
145. Found (fairly large number)
146. Found (3 cm)
147. Found (in ground site block)
148. Break
149. Found (inside the block)
150. Found (poor mixture)
151. - (no bedding anchor)
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The "isshoku" /literally, "one color"; possibly implying "all" / embankments of Nikawa Wan have a crown tip of TP + 5.20 m, a bedding anchor with an upper tip of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 0.0-0.50 m, and a rear spread, whether single or multiple layer, with a spread slope of 1:1.5. When a multiple layer, there is a water level section of 2.0-4.0 m in the mid-section of the spread surface. The bedding anchor is a concrete block foundation post that stands about 1.0 m high, or a concrete double stack that stands about 1 m high. The armor/covering thickness is about 30 cm including foundation rip-rap of about 15 cm and concrete thickness of about 15 cm. Weep hole investigation was conducted in this district, but none was found. This could have been the result of the severe damages that had occurred to the armors/coverings to destroy the weep holes and air gaps before the investigation was conducted.

No detailed investigation was conducted, but from the specifications standpoint of the aforementioned rear spread and bedding anchor, it can be concluded that they are far from adequate to withstand the earth pressure of this high embankment. This fact, it is believed, led to the pushing forward of the bedding anchor to cause the sliding of the rear spread armor, to the break and aberration in the ground site (block thinness also a contributing factor), and to the cracking in the block. The chain reaction from the above development was the break and aberration at the joint of the crown, the shift in the embankment earth and soil through seepage of rain water and overtopping waves, and the development of crack in the crown. In the on-the-spot survey conducted, very severe normal line direction crack of the crown was observed as well as very heavy mixed grass growth at the upper and lower edges of the rear spread.

#### 表 - 6.8 堤防の高さと裏のりの状態

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D	+3.5	+0.0	3.5	1:1.5	6.00 20	1.5 mの上部工 芸碟枕あり ②	校目地ずれ
E	+5.3	+0.0	5.3	1:1.5	8.00 20	1.5mの上部工 基礎抗わり ②	経検目地( ずれ、ひらき
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#### Key:

- 1. Coastal Embankment
- 2. Crown Height
- 3. Bedding Anchor Height
- 4. Difference
- Slope (Average)
- 6. Rear Spread
  - Thickness
  - Length Block Thickness
- 7. Bedding Anchor
- 8. Foundation steel pile lo-cated in upper 2 m section 9. Foundation log located in
- upper 2 m section

- 10. Foundation post located in upper 1.5 m section
- 11. Foundation post located in upper 1.7 m section
- 12. Block 0.75
- 13. Double stack concrete 1.00 14. Foundation post located in upper 1 m section
- Road Base Thickness 15. Foundation post (depth) located in upper 1 m section
  - 16. Block 1.00
  - 17. Condition of Rear Spread
  - 18. Aberration of vertical ground site
  - 19. Aberration, break of vertical and horizontal ground sites

Table 6.2 can be regarded as a compilation and arrangement of the data on the external changes that were observed in embankments and the results of the weep hole investigations that were conducted (also external investigations of embankments).

Except for the Mitani fishing harbor sea wall, all the embankments that were investigated were self-supporting embankments with a fairly large rear spread. Most of them were located along the Koromoga and Mikawa Wan coastlines and were those whose construction had been more or less completed prior to the Ise Wan typhoon.

The discussions that follow are general comments by general categories on the external changes that were observed on these embankments.

Generally speaking, the foundation of these embankments was a reinforced\_bedding "choseki" /literally, "convered/spread rock/stone"; pell mell? of 200-300 kg, showing no scattering or erosion in the This condition could be attributed to the fact that these embankments for the most part are located way inside the bay where there is very little wave action. Most of the face spread armors were 50-cm thick concrete with no reinforcement and many covered over an old masonry coverings. They showed no structural breakdowns, such as cave-in, exposure, etc., and even the ground site was in fairly good condition with very little break and aberration. The breakdown that was observed was confined to the ground site decomposed piles (wooden piles) far removed from the spread edge to pose no immediate erosion danger to the embankment core. This kind of breakdown, needless to say, will require attention, perhaps not immediately but in time to prevent the development of embankment soil erosion which can lead to grave consequences.

Breaks and other breakdowns were observed along the worksite and in the corner angle section of these embankments. It cannot be determined whether they were the result of poor construction work or poor material used, but whatever the reason, the threat of soil erosion of the upper embankment was present in these embankments and some corrective measures will have to be instituted soon. Almost half of the embankments that were investigated were embankments that were structured with small-step/terrace face spread connected to the foundation (see Chart 6.6-6.9). The unique breakdown noted for these embankments was the cave-in that developed to the small-step/terrace concrete block of the crown. It is not known whether this was caused by the erosion of the embankment soil or by the sinking brought about by the consolidation of the insufficiently packed embankment soil below the small-step/terrace concrete block, but this kind of a breakdown can lead to serious chain breakdowns and thus, immediate action

must be instituted to repair the damage. This urgency will apply especially to those spots where wave action can be expected. Even if the cave-in cause was consolidation sinking, the inevitable results will be rain seepage, growing of grass, etc., to gradually weaken the whole structure.

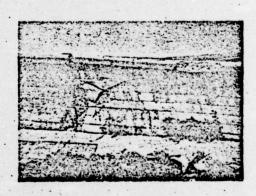
The normal line direction cracks of the face spread armors were comparatively few in number. This was due, it is believed, to the armor thickness of about 50 cm, the relative lightness of the weight of the crown, and the mildness of the wave actions that occurred. Large numbers of normal line right angle direction cracks of the face spread armors, however, were observed with many that extended to the parapet. The uneven sinking of the embankment, it is believed, was the primary cause of these cracks. Comparatively small scale blister will not lead to a crack if the armor is very thick.

There was almost no indentation or soil erosion of the wave deflectors. An abrasion was detected in one spot but this appeared to have been caused by the use of poor concrete material. There was hardly any aberration or break at the ground site as well. The type of wave deflector damages that normally occur when the embankment base is soft and weak because of its location in a reclaimed land as shown in Photo 6.49 and 6.50 was not observed in the embankments investigated. Only few cases of wave deflector cracks were observed as well.



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Almost half of the embankments that were investigated had crowns with asphalt-concrete pavement. Hardly any crack or flaw was observed, moreover, in any of these crowns. The same, however, did not apply to those crowns with concrete pavement. They normally showed aberration or break at the joints with the rear spread armor or some normal line crack that usually extended along the center of the whole crown (see Photo 6.20). The latter development was especially true for those embankments with severely damaged rear spread armor. Concrete blocks are easily and directly affected by the soil erosion of embankment or by embankment shift. It can be assumed, therefore, that the appearance of a crack in the crown with concrete pavement is a positive indicator of its "rokyuka" \( \square aging and growing uselessness \( \square 7 \).

With regard to rear spread armors, many breakdowns were observed. They included vertical aberrations and breaks at vertical and horizontal ground sites and even splits in mid-section. A comparison of the various rear spread armors was provided in Table 6.3. The primary causes of the splits mentioned above could be traced to the excessive length of the spread (normal spread slope is 1:1.5, and thus, the height of the crown is usually higher), the use of gravity type bedding anchor, too shallow bedding anchor foundation, and the use of thin 15-cm armor. Due to one or more of the above causes, the bedding anchor fell or tilted forward to provide an opening for the rain water to seep into the embankment to erode the embankment soil or to shift the embankment earth and soil to create holes and gaps which, in turn, developed cave-ins of armors (particularly thin armors) to develop the splits. From the above, it can be seen that the prevention of these splits will require not only the strengthening of the rear spread armors but the bedding anchors as well.

Discussed below are additional comments on the relationship between the changes in the embankment structures that had been discussed and the weep hole and air gap investigation that was conducted by the Aichi prefectural investigators.

As commented in a paragraph of the Aichi Prefecture Survey Report, many rice fields in this prefecture are rice fields that were developed as far back as the Edo period on reclaimed land along the coastline. The embankments that now stand were built, for the most part, to protect these rice fields. The rear area of every 1-5 km section of the embankments in this district is generally occupied by newly developed rice fields and generally speaking too, most of these embankments are quite similar in structure. In the weep hole and air gap investigation conducted by Aichi prefecture, two spots of this so-called "one embankment block section" [per text] were first selected (i.e., a spot with many cracks or a spot with very few cracks) and then the crown, face spread, and rear spread to remove their coverings to investigate the existence of any weep hole or air gap. The actual selection of these spots and the weep hole or air gap investigation

were left to the discretion of the local investigators. (It appears that in the selection of the structures to be investigated, those that showed breaks or cracks were eliminated or ignored.) Thus, the conclusion that can be reached is that although the site selection that was made did follow a certain established criteria, there was a certain degree of abstraction in the process employed.

In the study of the existence or non-existence and the number of weep holes and air gaps in embankments, it is well to remember that below every concrete armor, there normally is a rip-rap that contains air gaps (normal percentage is about 30% and the size of each gap could be fairly large as well), that the findings reached could vary greatly depending on how the coverings were removed and on the judgment of the individual investigator, and that in some cases, questionable conclusions could have been made. Thus, the statement in the aforementioned Aichi survey report that reads, "...in only 27 sites, or about 6.1% of the total..." should be revised to delete the word, "only," and replace it with, "at least," to read "...in at least 27 sites, or about 6.1% of the total..." After the investigation, fairly extensive repair work, such as injection of grout, etc., was undertaken by Aichi prefecture. work covered not only those cracks where the weep holes and air gaps were discovered in the investigation but cracks in armors of embankments that were not covered in the investigation to support the contention made above.

In the Aichi survey report, the so-called weep hole and air gap were defined as those small openings of several centimeters and the main cause of these openings was attributed to the sinking that developed from the consolidation of the embankment soil. If this is true, it must be assumed that fairly widespread weep holes and air gaps are present near the base of every embankment as well. As explained before, the undertaking of investigation of hard-to-reach spots, such as the base area, is a difficult one to perform which mean, of course, that there could be many more spots where these small openings are present in an embankment. It is well known from the time of construction that widespread weep holes and air gaps can develop from developments, such as embankment sinking through soil shrinkage or consolidation, uneven sinking of embankment through imbalanced overhead weight, etc., but sad to say, the only reliable means available so far to determine the scale (depth and extent) of these weep holes and air gaps is the armor/covering removal method. The grout pouring repair method presently employed to seal these flaws, moreover, has not proved to be a foolproof method so far. That is to say, in addition to sealing the visible weep holes and air gaps, this process must eliminate the gaps that exist in the foundation rip-rap. So far, however, no means is available to accurately determine if the injected grout had fully sealed these rip-rap gaps. One advantage that may develop from this method is that if sufficient

grout is injected to cement the foundation concrete with the riprap, many of the smaller openings can be eliminated to greatly reduce the occurrence of erosive processes.

In the Aichi Survey Report, mention was made that in spots where weep holes were detected, cracks and aberrations of the joints connecting the rear spread armor and the crown were common occurrences. The existence of weep holes and air gaps in embankments that show no exterior crack or aberration in spreads or joints, however, cannot be detected by visual observation alone, the only exceptions being cases where there are obvious indicators such as soil erosion of embankments, etc. It is believed that there is no need to become too greatly concerned over the existence of these weep holes except in areas where strong wave actions and other severe external pressures against embankments are anticipated.

VII. Evaluation of Coastal Embankment Wasting Index and Methods of Coping with Breakdowns

An evaluation of the wasting index of coastal embankments was conducted by means (1) of employing certain selected breakdown process criteria and certain selected changes indicating wasting (wasting index) that have occurred to embankments since their construction and (2) of coordinating our on-the-spot investigation findings on the present conditions of the embankments with the investigation results published in the Aichi Survey Report.

The wasting indicators that showed on the surface of embankments served as the evaluation criteria in determining the extent of the wastings of coastal embankments. It was assumed that the breakdown of an embankment (wasting) occurs in gradual stages and that each stage of this breakdown designates some significant wasting index. The length span--i.e., from the time when wasting changes appear on an embankment surface to the danger point of the embankment collapse -- was categorized into A, B, and C stages. As employed, the "A" was used to designate the stage where the breakdowns have gone beyond the so-called "wasting stage" and where the embankment collapse is imminent unless the required repair work is performed immediately; the "B", the stage where the embankment breakdowns are in fairly serious "wasting" conditions and are in need of proper repair work to prevent the breakdowns from falling into the next serious category ("A"); and the "C", the stage where no visible embankment wasting can be detected from the surface but if changes begin to show, some repair work will be required. It should be noted that in the above, each symbol represents the assessed wasting value of an embankment or its structure from the changes that were observed from the exterior.

The wasting estimates by wasting index as mentioned above could be effectively employed, it is believed, in examining the existing wasting conditions of the coastal embankments from the standpoint of their structural designs and construction work and the maintenance and control work that have been performed. This wasting degree evaluation approach should not lead to any excessive estimation on the seriousness of the wastings; if the findings appear excessive and questionable, they should be weighed against the past neglect and lack of recognition on the seriousness of this problem on hand that have contributed to the underestimation of the embankment wastings. The reliability of this type of evaluation approach, needless to say, will depend largely on proper survey, research, practical testing of breakdowns, etc., that can be backed by comparative study and application of evaluation standards to the actual disaster damages that have occurred to embankments.

The wasting evaluation based on the wasting index can be used to assess a lone visible change (wasting) that appears on the surface of an embankment, but it is very seldom that this need arises. In most instances, the changes that surface are multiple ones that are interrelated. The wasting index can be employed to evaluate these changes to derive at some composite analysis of the problem on hand. In the table that follows, some of the measures that have been employed to cope with wastings have been included.

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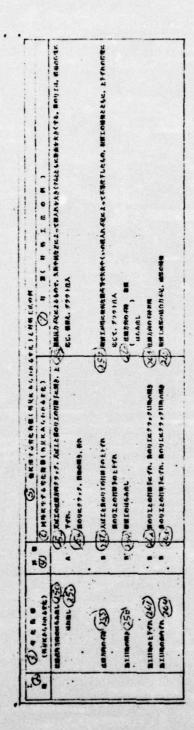
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# Key (to Tables on pages 129-135)

- 1. Evaluation:
  - A = Visible changes showing disaster damage condition of embankment (embankment wastings far beyond "wasting" stage and embankment facing imminent collapse; immediate repair and restoration work required.
  - B = Visible changes showing very serious embankment wastings.
  - C = No serious visible wasting change in embankment
- 2. Type of Structure
- 3. Wasting Index (Changes That Can Be Seen From the Exterior)
- 4. Evaluation
- 5. Other Interrelated Wasting Index (Changes That Can Be Seen From the Exterior) and Examples of Countermeasures Adopted Against Wastings
- 6. Wasting Index That Develops At the Same Time (Changes That Can Be Seen From the Exterior)
- Countermeasures (Examples of Measures Employed to Cope with Wastings)
- 8. Foundation
- 9. Destruction of joint section with rock base
- 10. Face spread armor: cave-in (break), disparity with ground site
- 11. Aberration of pile joint of foundation
- 12. Normal line right angle direction crack
- 13. Crown: soil erosion and normal line direction crack, break and cave-in at work site
- 14. Concrete work to cover the front of foundation

- 15. Removal of part or whole crown and face spread armor depending on the size of the weep holes and cavities that develop within the embankment to cause soil erosion so as to replace the eroded soil or to pour in mortar to fill the vacuum.
- 16. Selection of proper repair work based on the weep hole scale found
- 17. Scattering, burial of reinforced bedding spread rocks
- 18. Replacement of reinforced bedding rocks, or further restrengthening of bedding; also construction of additional facilities, such as breakwater, off-shore levee, etc.
- 19. Erosion, scattering, burial of precast concrete armor
- 20. Replacement or reinforcement of precast concrete armor, or construction of additional facilities, such as breakwater, off-shore levee, etc.
- 21. Replacement of earth and sand in the front; construction of stronger reinforced bedding, or breakwater, levee, and man-made beach
- 22. Exposure of ground base of foundation
- 23. Installation of still-water sheet piles in front of the foundation and filling up the in-between space with concrete; against possible development of embankment soil erosion, pouring in grout; reinforcement of foundation (via deeper foundation base, concrete pouring in front of the sheet piles, etc.)

24. Break, aberration at pile joint between foundation and face spread

25. Crack in face spread armor

26. Pouring in of grout

27. Exposure

28. Erosion; break at pile joint with

face spread armor

29. Cause attributable to insufficient support of foundation; re-strengthening of foundation (via enlargement of foundation, installation of sheet piles in the front)

30. Soil erosion

31. Insufficient depth of foundation; deeper foundation base (also installation of steel piles)

32. Damage, abrasion of concrete

33. Undertaking of required concrete addition after determination of need

34. Break and development of holes in foundation steel piles (use

for still-water)

35. Conversion of the front into steel pile structure; augmentation by concrete; pouring in of grout

36. Face spread armor

37. Normal line right angle direct-

ion exposure

38. Break and angular break at ground site; normal line right angle direction crack in face spread surface

39. Break and slight aberration between pile joint and foundation as

well as wave deflector

40. Cause attributable to uneven sinking of foundation; against possible development of weep holes, pouring in of grout

1. (No special countermeasure required

for poorly undertaken work)

42. Normal line right angle direction break-up

43. Break and break-up of foundation

44. Angular break, break, and aberration of face spread at ground site

45. Removal of a portion of face spread armor and recovering; reinforcement of foundation

46. (In this kind of case, embankment normally in a state of near collapse requiring construction of a completely new embankment)

47. Normal line right angle di-

rection indentation

48. Normal line right angle direction crack and break

49. Erosion of front, destruction of foundation, break in face spread pile joint

50. Case where the development
of large air holes in a
section within the embankment caused the break in the
face spread concrete block
or the sinking of the whole
block; recovering of face
spread armor (no special
countermeasure required for
indentation caused by poorly
undertaken work)

52. Angular break in material

53. Breakdown caused by some other change; most probably visible secondary change (wasting), but if break large to cause embankment soil erosion, will require repair work, such as recovering by concrete, etc.

54. Abrasion

55. If minor, no special countermeasure required; this recommendation given with certain reservation

56. If not on flat area but at edge of block and then right angle, could lead to erosion; in this case, countermeasure will be required.

57. Damage 58. No problem if damage minor

59. If a major damage, then repair work such as reinforcement, recovering, etc., will be necessary.

60. Face Spread Armor

61. Surface rusting

62. Rusting caused by insufficient covering of ferro-concrete, abrasion and damage to concrete, or erosion of iron bars; special countermeasure not required (no easy and effective countermeasure available)

63. Normal line direction break at ground site

64. Sinking, exposure of foundation; cave-in of face spread surface

65. Replacement of face spread armor: repair of foundation; possible existence of weep holes under face spread, requiring injection of grout

66. Normal line direction angular

break at ground site

67. Possibly caused by poor construction work (no right angle alignment of ground site surface with face spread), or abrasion or damage of material; if a major break, will require repair work, such as concrete recovering and other countermeasures.

68. Normal line direction vertical aberration at ground site

69. Cave-in, cracking of concrete blocks; sinking and exposure of foundation

70. Recovering of spread armor; presumed existence of weep holes in embankment, requiring injection of mortar in surrounding areas

71. Normal line direction aberration beneath the surface of ground site

72. (A very rare occurrence; presence of other conspicuous changes)

73. Very rare occurrence; if it happens, embankment on verge of collapse and other conspicuous changes (wastings) should be observable; main cause could be determined by analyzing other wastings.

74. Normal line right angle direction break at ground site

75. Most probable cause: poor construction work or erosion of ground site blocks; if break caused by some other factors, injection of grout in ground site section necessary--possibly in adjacent areas as well if soil erosion in embankment suspected; if cracks in adjacent area blocks, assume existence of many weep holes in the whole area.

76. Cave-in of concrete blocks: angular break at ground site

77. Break in pile joint of foundation or wave deflector

78. Means destruction of the single unit feature of face spread armor; will require recovering of face spread armor and reinforcement of foundation; injection of grout for weep hole development in area will be necessary.

79. Normal line right angle direction angular break at

ground site

80. Normally minor scale angular break caused by poor construction work or material abrasion; if cracks in surrounding areas no deeper than 1/3 the thickness of face spread armor, no special countermeasure necesary; if depth more than \frac{1}{2} the thickness, then concrete covering work, etc., necessary.

- 81. Break at ground site; break and vertical aberration at ground site
- 82. Required repair work such as replacement of armor
- 83. Normal line right angle direction vertical aberration at ground site
- 84. If ground site shows no break and no irregularity and if no block break and 5 cm or less aberration, only action required is injection of sufficient grout; if a major aberration and if other conspicuous changes showing breakdown in view, replacement of armor will be required.
- 85. Normal line right angle direction aberration beneath ground site
- 86. Very rare occurrence; its occurrence most probably means near collapse condition of embankment
- 87. Break of pile joint with foundation
- 88. (Cases where there is no crack in face spread armor and where there is no aberration at the ground site)
- 89. Depending on degree of break and cause and if only a minor foundation shift, inject grout from top of face spread after checking for embankment soil erosion near end of spread; inject grout into pile joint of foundation as well; if a major foundation shift, repair, such as reinforcement of foundation, recovering with concrete, will be required.
- 90. Crack in face spread armor and aberration at ground site

- 91. If ground site aberration and crack only minor scale, repair by reinforcing foundation and injecting grout; if change in face spread armor very conspicuous, then based on the change, countermeasures such as replacement of coverings, etc., will be necessary
- 92. Angular break of pile joint with foundation
- 93. Possible cause: material abrasion or poor construction work; if break fairly big and indicates possibility of getting bigger and possible development of embankment soil erosion, reinforce foundation and carry outconcrete recovering work.
- 94. Vertical aberration of pile joint with foundation
- 95. (In case of small step/ layer of face spread)
- 96. In case of the aberration of the level coverings of small step/layer, inject grout to improve the binding of rip-rap with foundation to set up one-piece structure of the two
- 97. Break or aberration of pile joint with wave deflector
- 97a. Cause is inadequate resistance capability of foundation to support face spread armor; reinforce foundation and at the same time, inject grout beneath the face spread to seal up the break.
  - 98. Break between pile joint and wave deflector

- 99. Vertical aberration between pile joint and foundation
- 100. Same countermeasures as listed in <u>97a</u> above
- 101. Backward tilting of wave deflector; crack in crown near the wave deflector
- 102. Backward tilting caused by wave deflector own weight or by wave force; reinforce wave deflector binding with foundation; replacement of crown top and injection of grout may also be necessary
- 103. Aberration of pile joint with wave deflector
- 104. In most embankments, pile joint 111. Wave deflector for wave deflector and face spread located at water level, and thus, 112. Soil erosion of wave decaused by strong wave action against wave deflector; wastings 113. Cause: uneven sinking of not confined to aberration alone but should include backward tilting of wave deflector, break of pile joint, and also toppling.
- 105. Angular break of pile joint with wave deflector
- 106. Forward tilting of wave deflector could happen, but this would be rare case; if caused by abrasion of material, minor damage, and if angular break minor, no special countermeasure not required.
- 107. Normal line direction crack 108. Causes could be: excessive size of wave deflector, excessive traffic use of crown, and inadequate support capability of foundation; countermeasures to be coordinated with repair work on other changes after determining the cause; if number of cracks small, inject grout.

- 109. Normal line right angle direction crack
- 110. Causes believed to be uneven sinking of embankment core and development of weep holes in embankment; if number of cracks small, inject grout; if number, great many then examine embankment soil erosion around foundation and undertake repair work, such as recovering of face spread or replacing old armor with new armor.

  - flector
  - embankment; many other changes will also surface so countermeasures to be employed to be based on assessment of the causes of these changes.
- 114. Nothing special
- 115. Cause believed to be poor construction work; no special countermeasure necessary
- 116. Normal line indentation of wave deflector
- 117. Cause believed to be poor construction work; no special countermeasure necessary
- 118. Forward or backward tilting of wave deflector; aberration between pile joint and crown
- 119. Cause of transformation: wave action or from own weight of wave deflector; for countermeasures, refer to face spread armor section of the table

120. Angular break of materials

121. No special countermeasure available

122. Abrasion of materials

123. No special countermeasure available: if appearance is the primary concern, spray on mortar.

124. Damage to materials

125. No special countermeasure available; if a major damage, replacement only solution

126. Surface rusting

127. Spray on mortar: if exposed to strong wave action, recovering may be considered

128. Break at ground site

129. Cause: uneven sinking of embankment: if no special protection required against tides, no action required except possible injection of grout

130. Vertical aberration of wave deflector; break of crown at the ground site and normal line right angle direction crack; crack of face spread

131. Development of weep holes in and around the adjacent areas in embankment; injection of grout

132. Vertical aberration at ground site

133. Break in top of crown and break and aberration between pile joint and face spread

134. Cause: uneven sinking of embankment: most probable development of weep holes in the area; grout injection

135. Crack in crown; break in wave deflector at ground site

136. (One of the causes could be poor construction work)

137. Aberration of ground site-both front and back

138. Break and aberration of pile joint with face spread and crown--also angular break; crack in crown

139. Cause: uneven sinking of embankment caused by strong wave action; possible development of weep holes; injection of grout

140. Normal line right angle di-

rection crack

141. Crack and break at ground site; crack extending to face spread

142. Caused by uneven sinking of embankment; injection of

grout

143. Crack in wave deflector

only (no break)

144. If a single line crack in
a span, no special countermeasure required

145. Normal line direction water

level crack

146. If a ferro-concrete structure, a serious uneven sinking caused by wave action;
strong wave action site will
require reinforcement of
wave deflector
If cause suspected to be
uneven sinking, existence of
weep holes most probable;
countermeasures should be based
on assessment of other changes
as well

147. Crown

148. Soil erosion

149. Rare to find normal line right angle direction crack

150. Cause: poor construction work or uneven sinking of embankment; uneven sinking noted but very few weep holes found; no special countermeasure required

151. Many normal line right angle direction cracks; also some normal line direction cracks

152. Existence of weep holes in embankment most probable; injection of grout

- 153. Sinking, break in crown concrete blocks; aberration or break in pile joint with rear spread and wave deflector
- 154. Most probable existence of large size weep holes in embankment and also cave-in of rear spread bedding anchor: required repair work includes improvement of bedding anchor and rear spread as well as injection of grout and also possible replacement of pile joint and strengthening of bedding anchor

155. Angular break of materials

156. Cracks in surrounding areas 157. Angular break located in the corner angle section caused by heavy traffic; major problem: increasing permeation of rain water and overtopping waves into 172. Cracks in surrounding areas embankment: required repair work 173. (See angular break of maincludes resurfacing by asphaltconcrete

158. Abrasion of materials

159. No countermeasure required for crowns used by light traffic, but if more and more material abrasion spots appear on crown, due attention should be given for possible development of cave-ins and other breakdowns; primary cause of this abrasion: poor construction work or use of poor quality materials

160. Damage to materials

161. Cracks in surrounding areas

162. Primary cause believed to be excessive heavy traffic; the development of cracks means destruction of concrete block solidity, possibly requiring replacement of the whole concrete block

163. Break at the work and ground

sites

164. Crack in crown Crack in wave deflector; crack in rear spread armor

165. Injection of grout and recovering of the ground site to prevent the shifting of embankment soil from penetrating rain water and overtopping waves

166. Vertical aberration of work and ground sites

167. Cracks in near-by blocks 168. Probable existence of weep holes; injection of grout

169. Aberration beneath the surface of work and ground sites

170. (Very rare case)

171. Angular break at work and ground sites

terials section in this table)

174. Break between pile joint and wave deflector

175. General cause: sinking of crown; this development normally leads to the solidarity break-up of crown, wave deflector, and rear spread and to weep holes in the embankment; injection of grout for repair work

176. Exposure and sinking of foundation

177. Exposure and sinking of foundation could lead to face spread sliding and forward tilting of wave deflector; for countermeasure, see face spread column in this table

178. Vertical aberration of pile joint with wave deflector

179. Crack and break in crown; break and aberration of pile joint with rear spread

180. In most cases, main cause is the sinking of crown; this development destroys the solidarity of crown, wave deflector, and rear spread and leads to weep holes in the embankment; countermeasure; injection of grout

181. Angular break of pile joint with wave deflector

182. Cause: backward tilting of wave deflector; countermeasure: should be based on assessment of backward tilting situation

183. Break in pile joint with rear

spread

184. Exposure of bedding anchor; exposure of rear spread armor; vertical aberration of rear spread at ground site; break in spread surface

185. Believed main cause due to inadequate resistance capability
of bedding anchor; countermeasures: reinforcement of bedding anchor resistance capability; based on the extent of
damage to rear spread armor,
replace required armor parts;
injection of grout

186. Vertical aberration of pile joint with rear spread

187. Exposure of bedding anchor; exposure of rear spread armor; crack in rear spread

armor
188. This breakdown can also occur
from pile joint break, but in
this particular case (referenced vertical aberration),
the solidarity of embankment
believed to be still intact

although barely; required countermeasures: reinforcement of bedding anchor; injection of grout because of probable development of air gaps beneath the rear spread

189. In some cases, the height of the upper edge of crown has been made higher than the upper edge of rear spread and thus, due attention must be given to this fact in assessing the countermeasure to be adopted.

190. Angular break of pile joint

with rear spread

191. Rare occurrence; if it does, immediate repair at the break site must be undertaken; inject grout if weep holes developed in surrounding areas.

192. Normal line parallel di-

rection crack

193. If only small number of cracks, grout injection should be undertaken against possible development of internal air gaps as preventive measure; if large number of cracks, grout injection would be a prerequisite since the existence of air gaps is a certainty.

194. Normal line direction crack

195. Exposure of bedding anchor; exposure of rear spread armor; damage to rear spread armor

196. Crack due to rear spread armor damage; reinforce bedding anchor; after repairing rear spread armor, recheck extent of crack for injection of grout or for possible need to replace the bedding anchor

197. Rear spread armor 198. Normal line right angle direct-

ion exposure

199. Vertical aberration of pile joint with crown; normal line right angle crack

200. Primary cause: relative weakness (thinness) of rear spread armor leading to break and aberration at the ground site after pass- 213. Damage to material ing of time; repair work includes 214. A very rare case; see spread, reinforcement of the armor, or possibly recovering by cement

Breakdown cause could be poor construction work.

201. Normal line right angle direction cracking and exposure

202. Exposure of bedding anchor 203. Cause: inability of rear spread edge to resist earth pressure as a result of the exposure of bed- 219. Countermeasures: reinforceding anchor; countermeasure: reinforcement of bedding anchor. replacement of rear spread armor or recovering the whole armor

204. Normal line right angle direction indentation

205. Break in spread surface; vertical aberration and break at ground site

206. Cause: cave-in of rear spread concrete block as a result of the development of weep holes beneath the rear spread armor; countermeasure: replacement of whole spread armor or injection of grout

207. Spread surface crack

208. Cause: poor construction work has been the reason at times.

209. Angular break of material

210. Believe this is rare case.

211. Abrasion of material

212. No serious problem except at sites where heavy overtopping waves occur; if the rear spread armor is too thin, the problem may occur; countermeasures: spraying of mortar, injection of grout

abrasion column of this table

215. Surface rusting

216. All rear spread armors are not ferro-concrete; if rusting of framework, spray mortar

217. Normal line direction break

at ground site

218. Exposure of bedding anchor ment of bedding anchor; depending on spread surface condition, injection of grout or recovering with concrete

220. Normal line direction aberration at ground site

221. Exposure of bedding anchor

222. Countermeasures: reinforcement of bedding anchor; depending on spread surface condition, injection of grout: possibly require recovering with concrete

223. Normal line direction aberration beneath the ground

site

224. (in a case of this kind, estimation to be made by two previous changes /sic; not further explained/

225. Normal line direction angular break at ground site

226. Very rare case; if minor break, no countermeasure necessary

227. Normal line right angle direction break at ground site

228. Normal line right angle direction break and crack

229. Cause: breaking of spread surface as a result of weep hole development beneath the spread surface; repair work includes injection of grout or replacement of spread armor, depending on degree of break and largeness of weep hole area

230. Exposure of bedding anchor

231. Countermeasures: replacement of spread armor and injection of grout in the surrounding areas

232. Normal line right angle direction vertical aberration at the ground site

233. Normal line right angle direction crack

234. Countermeasure: injection of grout

235. Normal line right angle direction aberration beneath the surface of ground site

236. Very rare case

237. Normal line right angle direction angular break at ground site

238. Very rare case

239. Break between pile joint and bedding anchor

240. Vertical aberration and crack of pile joint with crown

241. If only several cm break, only required repair would be injection of grout and reinforcement of bedding anchor; if break bigger, then installation of steel

piles, reinforcement by concrete, and injection of grout beneath the rear spread armor

242. Vertical aberration of pile joint with bedding anchor

243. Break of pile joint with bedding anchor

244. See section dealing with pile joint break in this table for countermeasure

245. Normal line direction crack 246. Exposure of bedding anchor

247. Countermeasures: reinforcement of bedding anchor; based on degree of crack and if no break, inject mortar, but if break evident, might require replacement of whole armor

248. Normal line right angle direction crack

249. Countermeasures: if many cracks, may require replacement of covering; injection of grout for weep holes

250. Normal line right angle direction exposure

251. Cracking and exposure

252. Normal line direction crack of crown; break and vertical aberration of pile joint with crown and rear spread

253. Cause: inadequate horizontal resistance capability; countermeasures: expand and strengthen the bedding by installing steel piles and posts and also enlarge the whole section; based on the extent of damage, the repair work of rear spread could be grout injection or replacement of the armor

- 254. Rear spread crack; break, cracking at ground site
- 255. Normal line direction soil erosion
- 256. Vertical aberration of pile joint with crown and rear spread Vertical aberration of pile joint with rear spread
- 257. Cause: uneven sinking due to too shallow implacement of steel piles and posts and soft and weak base of bedding anchor; countermeasures: reinforcement of bedding anchor and depending upon the degree of vertical aberration, injection of grout
- 258. Break at work and ground sites 259. Exposure of bedding anchor
- 260. For countermeasure, see column dealing with normal line direction soil erosion in this table (exposure)
- 261. Vertical aberration at work and ground sites
- 262. Aberration of pile joint with rear spread; break of rear spread crack at ground site
- 263. For countermeasure, see column dealing with normal line direction soil erosion in this table
- 264. Aberration beneath the work and ground sites
- 265. Aberration of pile joint with rear spread; break of rear spread crack at ground site
- Cause: insufficient binding power of bedding anchor head/top section; countermeasure: reinforcement of head/top section.

VIII.On the Designing and Construction of Coastal Embankments

Two or three matters that deserve very careful attention in the designing and construction of coastal embankments that came to light in the investigation undertaken are discussed below.

1. On the Designing of Embankments

The three sides, i.e., face and rear spreads and crown, of almost all the recently constructed coastal embankments have been covered with concrete, asphalt, or blocks, and it can be assumed that all embankments to be constructed in the future, with the exception of those that will be facing only minor wave action and those that are fully protected from overtopping wave action or will be facing very little of this action, will be provided with three-side cover-A point to note in connection with the above, however, is the ings. woeful lack of research that has been conducted on these covering materials and how these coverings should be constructed. The case of the covering thickness that has been decided can be cited as an example to illustrate this point. Despite the extensive face spread covering work with armor rocks that had been undertaken, the strong wave action led to their deterioration and subsequently to the toppling of some of the embankments to cause severe damages. From this experience, the thickness of almost all non-reinforced concrete coverings was raised to about 50 cm. In most areas where very strong wave action occurs, moreover, even precast concrete work has been undertaken with the hope of minimizing the destructive impact of the overtopping waves. The 50-cm thickness decision for the coverings, however, was not based on any mathematical computation of the thickness requirement for the concrete blocks to cope with the wave force of different strength. It was strictly an arbitrary decision based on the knowledge gained from experience that an armor of this thickness will suffice to meet all requirements. The resultant impact has been the adoption of this thickness for all armors whether or not the situation dictated the need. This development, as can be seen. could have been avoided if proper research had been undertaken long ago on the wave action stress against the covering blocks to establish a criteria to be followed in the construction and installation of spread armor with the required thickness to meet the need of the particular locality.

The same kind of situation also holds true for the embankment foundation as well. As before, experience has been the basis for the decision made on how the work should be carried out in the field; that is to say, on the type of foundation section to be constructed and even on how the new changes, such as the installation of steel, still-water, and concrete piles, must be carried out. The above is

not designed to belittle the importance of experience; it is an accepted fact that without experience, no technical progress worthy of its claim can be made. The installation of these piles is being undertaken to provide additional support to the foundation. Question has been raised, however, on the use of the still-water piles for this purpose, inasmuch as a number of cases have been discovered where the grip of this pile had broken off to cause serious damage. It is true that at the present time, the concrete piles are being used in most cases for this purpose because of their better gripping capability, but the question that remains unresolved is whether or not the grip of all of these piles could cause the soil erosion of embankments. The above as well as the proper implacement depth of these piles are some of the lingering major problems of foundation construction that must be resolved through careful research work.

In the case of embankment crowns, their growing use as road-ways, even for pleasure drives and tour busses, has led to the development of not only many but serious cracks on the top surface. Since its surface use is no longer confined to few working vehicles, due care must be given to its designing and construction to accomodate the heavier traffic loads that it will be called upon to handle; that is to say, research must be undertaken to determine the proper thickness of the surface coverings, required road foundation, etc.

The general thickness of the rear spread armor has been confined to about 15-20 cm. This stemmed from the fact that as compared to the face spread armor, the rear spread armor is less exposed to the strong action of the waves. It must be remembered, however, that one of the basic requirements of an embankment is a solid and well-balanced construction that can withstand the weathering force of nature, such as sinking, soil compaction, etc., that can change its configuration. In the construction of an embankment with taller crown, it should be noted that if the aforementioned is to be the thickness limit of the rear spread armor, a serious problem can develop from the large discrepancy in\_thickness between the two spreads. To reduce the thickness of the face spread armor?/, it would be necessary to construct small step/layer near the center or at the tail edge of the spread. It is believed that the minimum thickness of a non-reinforced concrete should be about 20 cm and that the most effective rear spread armor is a ferro-concrete framework or a block covering. These two can be an effective covering for a small face spread as well.

The impression gathered was that the bedding anchor section was grossly inadequate in terms of the foundation work. This flaw, it is believed, was the primary cause for the large number of exposed bedding anchors that were observed, especially for embankments with relatively tall crown. It is quite possible too that the embankment

soil erosion that had developed and washed into the rear "yuasobi" ["tidal play"] area from the embankment water flow by way of the bedding anchor location could have been caused by this flaw. As can be seen from the above, the bedding anchor must be reinforced.

The above are random thoughts on important designing requirements that came to our minds. They are not intended to serve as an analytical solution to the problems on hand. There is, however, a definite need for the undertaking of some kind of research study that can lead to the drafting of the required designing methods.

#### 2. On the Weep/Air Holes and Air Gaps in Embankments

In most cases, the embankments and sea walls that have been constructed in our country have been built on soft and weak foundation, making it difficult to prevent their sinking. A sinking that occurs evenly will pose no problem; such, however, has not been the case for most of our embankments and sea walls. Many crooked spots can be found on these embankments and sea walls because of uneven sinking.

Broadly speaking, the embankments of our country are fairly large-sized structures that had been constructed relying on the simplest means possible. For the most part, sand available nearby or dredged sand employing pumps was used to construct the foundation. The actual construction work, moreover, was based on the minimum use of mechanical means and in many cases, very little attention was placed on the importance of embankment core solidification work. In the construction of road-beds for highways, thorough check and control of the soil moisture are first undertaken and then bedding is firmly solidified by mechanical means; in the construction of our country's embankments, however, none of these required measures is undertaken.

Unfortunately, many embankments in our country are sitting on water permeable foundations. In the investigation conducted, we observed many serious cases of embankment moisture penetration from tides, rain water, etc., and deduced that the water seepage and flow in these embankments to be fairly great. From this, it can be assumed that the water seepage problem of embankments with very fine sand is developing into a bigger and more complex problem of shifting sand. In many cases too, the embankment foundation below the face and rear spreads is made up of implaced crush rocks and pebbles, whose diameter normally ranges from 20-30 cm. It would not be wrong to assume that the gaps in-between these rocks and pebbles have been serving as the settling places for the eroded embankment earth and sand from the permeating moisture, rain water, waves, etc.

The causes cited above have led to the development of weep/air holes and air gaps in most of the embankments and sea walls and in turn, to the development of embankment cracks and breaks, aberration

of ground sites, etc., to accelerate the wastings of these structures. Information on the size of these weep holes and air gaps, their exact location, countermeasures that have been adopted against them, etc., is very scanty to say the least, but it is believed that their main location areas are beneath the coverings of the crown and the face and rear spreads. Based on the surface cracks that have occurred, it appears that the number of these holes and gaps is fairly large beneath the crown and the rear spread, but relatively small beneath the face spread. The difference in the number of surface cracks that appear for these two spreads is due to the difference in the thickness of their armors and not, it is believed, to the difference in the number of weep holes and air gaps that exist beneath these spreads. There is an urgent need to conduct thorough study and research to learn and understand the effect of the weep holes and air gaps on the wasting process of embankments. Provided below, however, are our thoughts on some of the methods and countermeasures that can be instituted to curb or reduce the development of weep holes and air gaps.

- a. Adequate consolidation of embankment soil; employment of mechanical means to consolidate the embankment soil; establishment of a set procedure for embankment soil consolidation work that can be employed everywhere to ensure certain set consolidated soil for all embankments; examples; the "maki-dashi" /literally, "rolled out" / embankment soil to be certain cm thickness; a certain ton bulldozer to run over the soil certain number of times to consolidate the soil, etc. Simple as these instructions and procedures may seem, they would be very important in facilitating the operations in this field.
- b. Mixing dredged soil with some other soil for use as embankment soil rather than employing it only after pumping it out; undertake measures to ensure embankment stability by employing cement, asphalt, etc., using techniques currently employed in the construction of road pavements, levees, etc.
- c. Adoption of asphalt as the crown covering; concrete coverings are too susceptible to cracks and ground site breaks; prevent or reduce as much as possible the pressure exerted against the crown surface, such as excessive traffic loads, etc.
- d. Adoption of reinforced concrete framework for the rear spread and placement of blocks within this framework to make the rear spread into a flexible structure; the adoption of this method will require careful block construction work at the ground site.
- e. Installation of piles to be undertaken with due care, not only to prevent the embankment soil erosion from beneath the foundation and bedding anchor but to prevent the break-off of pile grip; believe

the use of concrete pile for still-water pile will create a problem.

f. Injection of grout immediately after the discovery of a weep hole or an air gap; the detection of weep holes and air gaps is possible by means of the wasting index that has been discussed before, but is a longer time-consuming process; the detection of possible existence of a weep hole or an air gap must be followed by positive action, such as the removal of the coverings, to confirm or negate the existence.

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With regard to grout injection, proper guidance including information on the equipment required, injection pressure, type of grout material (cement, mixtures, moisture content, etc.), required injection intervals, etc., must be provided to ensure

proper execution of the required work.

g. Establishment of a general procedure for repairing air holes that cannot be mended by grout injection only; this procedure should include the measure instituted in the past of reconstructing the whole structure; inclusion of illustrative restoration work examples should also be considered.

Needless to say, the implementation of the measures discussed above will require budgetary allocation.

3. Maintenance and Control of Embankments and Sea Walls

The growing move for more effective utilization of the coastal area has led to the rapid growth of seaside industrial zones in our country in recent years to make the task of protecting the coastline facilities that much greater. These coastline facilities now include not only these new seaside zones and the old established residential and industrial areas with their embankments and sea walls located along the coast, but new embankments and sea walls that have been constructed by the Kocho Taisaku Jigyo [literally, High Tide Countermeasure Enterprise . The unique feature of the maintenance and control work of a functional facility, such as a highway, mooring dike, sea route, etc., is that the failure to do so or poor work will contribute to its deterioration with every use, but this deterioration will be confined to the facility itself. In the case of the embankments and sea walls, however, the failure to undertake proper maintenance and control work will not be confined to their own deterioration alone but will have a serious impact on the facilities (homes, factories, etc.) located to the rear. In the investigation undertaken, we learned to our dismay that like the saying, "The hotness of a food is forgotten, once it passes through the throat," very little recognition was being placed on the importance of embankment and sea wall maintenance and control work. The above

is to say that the recognition of the importance of embankments and sea walls as the protective structure of the rear area, of the inadequacy of many of the existing facilities to provide the required protection, of the need for diligent maintenance and control work to preserve the existing facilities, of how much protection the existing facilities are or are not providing, of the need to replace some of the existing outdated facilities with new ones to safeguard the rear, etc., must normally await the occurrence of some disaster before it happens. From general indication, the prevailing line of thinking seems to be to wait for the occurrence of some disaster to crumble the "rokyu" old and useless facilities before undertaking any repair and renovation work rather than to preserve the existing facilities by means of careful and diligent maintenance and control work.

If the above thinking is true, it can be accepted as a further confirmation of the poor recognition being given by almost everyone on the importance of maintenance and control work and of the inadequate budget sought for this work? and of the inadequate concern for this work by the concerned organizations. At the present time, great importance is being placed on the safeguarding of our land and on the maximum utilization of our available land. In the face of this, it is strongly believed that there is a definite need for an official government statement reemphasizing the importance of maintenance and control work for embankments and sea walls.

The matter of maintenance and repair standards is one of the unresolved technical problems on hand in the maintenance and control field. That is to say, what standard should be employed for the maintenance and repair work to be undertaken. Without this standard, there would be no way to determine the type of logical work that must be carried out and the budget requirement for the work. Even after the establishment of this standard, if excessive manpower must be expended to ascertain its suitability, it will amount to no more than a confirmation of its suitability based on the intuition of the individual investigator. Normally speaking, most maintenance and repair work fall under the category of minor job and as a result, the performance of this work is undertaken by the technical personnel with experience stationed at the site. In many cases, the actual work performed is based on the intuition of these personnel. There exists the need today for a maintenance and repair manual that can be used by the inexperienced technicians to carry out this work.

The above is a brief discussion on the prevailing maintenance and control situation; it is our fondest hope that this report, coordinated with other research reports to be prepared by others in the future, will be of some service in improving the embankment and seal wall maintenance and control work of the future.

#### IX. Resume

Provided below are summary and conclusion of the various chapters Zis a resume of the coverage provided in seven chapters? of this report.

Chapter II: In this chapter, the wastings of coastal embankments were examined from the standpoint of two major breakdowns: function and structure. The structural wasting was defined as the indicator pointing to the various steps of an embankment breakdown process.

Chapter III: The embankment damages that can be caused by natural calamities employing the Ise Wan typhoon as the primary example and the resulting breakdown process were examined in this chapter. The visible changes indicating wastings (wasting index) that occur to embankments in the breakdown process were also reviewed.

Chapter IV: In this chapter, the investigation methods employed in the coastal survey that was carried out were explained.

Chapter V: The on-the-spot survey results of the wasting indicators that were observed in embankments in the investigation conducted in 1970 and 1971 were reviewed in this chapter. The checklist of wasting index discussed in Chapter III served as the basis in examining the external changes that were observed (wasting index).

Chapter VI: This chapter was devoted to the study of weep/air holes and air gaps, regarded as the major causes of embankment wastings; the Aichi Prefecture Coastal Survey Report was employed as the basic reference source.

Chapter VII: This chapter discussed the method of obtaining the extent of the wasting of a structure by means of attaching values to the wasting index (visible external changes) which served as the indicator of the structural wastings.

Chapter VIII: In this chapter, discussions were undertaken (1) on matters that deserve careful attention in the designing of embankments that came to light in the investigation that was conducted, (2) on the spots and places where weep holes develop in an embankment and their countermeasures, and (3) on the maintenance and control of embankments.

#### X. Postscript

As briefly alluded to before, this survey and investigation revealed that (1) very little research work had been undertaken in the field of embankments, etc., in the past, (2) despite the innumerous numbers of embankment and sea wall construction that have been carried out in the past, very little data on the actual construction work undertaken have been retained and preserved, (3) the coastal preservation enterprises in our country are continuing to operate with sound financial backing, but the construction firms with adequate capital are dwindling very rapidly, (4) the absence of standardized designing and construction methods is being reflected in the different technical methods employed by the various construction firms, and (5) despite the abundance of data compiled and retained on major calamities such as the Ise Wan typhoon, very little data are being compiled on the damages suffered from the natural calamities that occur each year. The importance of compiling annual data referred in (5) above cannot be overstressed. For example, if these data were available, a comparative study of the wave actions on embankments for the various years can be undertaken to better understand the relationship between these wave actions and the development of weep holes and air gaps in the embankments. As can be seen from the above, there is an urgent need to ensure that data on construction work undertaken, damages suffered from occurring disasters, restoration work undertaken, etc., are adequately compiled and preserved in the future.

As the concluding remark for this report, we would like to express our deepest of appreciation to the port and harbor sections and the civil engineering offices and their affiliated units of Mie, Ishikawa, Toyama, Yamaguchi, and Oita prefecture for their invaluable assistance and cooperation in the preparation of this report and to the rivers, port and harbor, and agricultural land sections and their affiliated units of Aichi Prefecture and to the 4th and 5th Ports and Harbors Construction bureaus for their help and assistance given to us in the on-the-spot investigations that were carried out and for their generosity in providing us with valuable survey reports and data.